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Two killed as protesters clash with troops

Israel expels 4 Palestinians

RAFAH, Gaza Strip, Jan 13. (Reuters) Israel expelled four Palestinian activists to Lebanon today as protesters clashed with troops in the Gaza Strip where a UN special envoy was visiting a Palestinian refugee camp.

UN relief workers said soldiers shot dead a 10-year-old boy in the Jabalya refugee camp in Gaza and the Army said troops killed a Palestinian youth during clashes near Ramallah in the West Bank.

They raised the unofficial death toll to 37 Palestinians in five weeks of unrest in the occupied areas captured from Jordan and Egypt in the Middle East war.

Another boy, 13, was wounded during the demonstration at Jabalya camp, they said.

The expulsions during Goulding's visit would be seen as a deliberate provocation.

The four expelled Palestinians, all from the West Bank, had dropped appeals against expulsion. The Army identified them as Jibril Mahmoud Rajub, 34, Hussam Hadar, 26, Bashir Ahmed Khayri, 45, and Jamal Jabara, 28.

The four deportees arrived at a Syrian base in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa valley, hours after their expulsion from Israel.

unacceptable conditions," Goulding told demonstrators, speaking through a bullhorn. "I know your views. You have told me your views. I know that you want the occupation to end and to end as soon as possible."

"These wishes of the people of Rafah are going to be communicated to the world and that is because next week the Secretary General will present a report," Goulding said.

Plans

Israel, criticised by the United Nations for its handling of the violence and its plans to expel nine Palestinians accused of involvement, deported the first four by Army helicopter to the edge of its self-declared southern Lebanon security zone.

The expulsions took place as UN Under Secretary General Marrack Goulding, on a mission to inspect Israeli-occupied areas, was allowed to enter the teeming Rafah refugee camp, where protesters stoned troops during his visit.

"They were very angry and they weren't angry about us. They were angry about the conditions in which they live and they have reason to be angry," he told reporters later.

The Army barred his entry to two other camps yesterday.

UN officials said the timing of

Accept

Eyewitnesses said the four first arrived at a barracks of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) in Marj Zhour about three hours after the military helicopter dropped them at the edge of Israel's self-declared security zone.

Israel's Arab neighbours — Lebanon, Syria, Egypt and Jordan — had all said they would not accept any expelled Palestinians, but the Israeli-patrolled zone is outside Lebanese government control.

In Khan Yunis refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, three residents stabbed two border policemen with knives and screwdrivers, wounding one in the face and hand and another in the hand, the Army said. The three were arrested.

In the occupied West Bank, residents of Kalandia camp retreated a report that a man, 55, was shot dead. They said he was being treated at a hospital.

Goulding's tour in the Gaza Strip camp took place while Israel's 10-man inner cabinet met in occupied Jerusalem to consider stronger measures to halt the riots.

"We know that you live in

Formed

"That report will say what the people of Rafah want and that is a promise I make to you."

When Goulding entered the camp, a crowd formed and began chanting nationalist Palestinian slogans.

"With our blood and souls we will sacrifice ourselves," the crowd shouted. "Down with Israel and down with the USA."

Troops moved in to disperse the protest outside the health clinic, where Goulding met UN doctors and several residents.

A UN committee accused Israel of violating the Geneva Convention on the treatment of civilians in wartime and appealed for protection for West Bank and Gaza Palestinians in a letter issued today.

The letter was addressed to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar from Massamba Sarre, chairman of the Committee on Palestinian Rights.

Jordan today denounced Israel's expulsion of Palestinians and urged similar condemnation from other governments and human rights groups.

The PLO also denounced expulsion and said it showed Israel's disregard for international law.



The Siamese twins at the hospital.

(Photos by Mohammad Bedaq)

First ever in Kuwait Siamese twins born

By Mahmoud Morsi

SIAMESE twins were born for the first time in Kuwait on Monday.

The two girls, joined at the abdomen and chest, were delivered by an Egyptian woman at the Addan Hospital, and then rushed to the intensive care unit at Ibn Sina Hospital.

The parents are both secondary school teachers, aged 39.

The father told the Arab Times that a sonar check made two weeks before the delivery did not reveal the abnormality.

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Government after Soviet pullout

Pakistan wants Afghan leftists to share power

NEW YORK, Jan 13. (Agencies) Members of Afghanistan's pro-Soviet government must be included in any successor government if Soviet troops are to withdraw from the country, two leaders of neighbouring Pakistan say, according to a published report today.

The New York Times based its report on separate interviews with Pakistan's President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq and Prime Minister Mohammed Khan Junejo.

The two leaders told the newspaper a compromise that includes all of Afghanistan's warring factions is the only way to guarantee an end to the fighting in the country's eight-year-old war.

Soviet leaders have said they would pull out of Afghanistan without the precondition of leaving a friendly government in

Kabul. But the Pakistani leaders told the newspaper they understood Moscow still demands a "safe and orderly pullout" and a Kabul government that isn't hostile to Soviet interests.

Require

Zia and Junejo said the Soviet conditions would require an interim government that includes some members of the pro-Moscow People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, which took power in a 1978 coup, the Times reported. The two leaders said the new government would not necessarily have to include Najib, the current Afghan leader, who used to head the secret police.

Afghan rebel leaders oppose any involvement by the current Kabul government, and Zia and Junejo both told the Times they would not press the rebels to change their minds immediately.

But Zia and Junejo told the newspaper a shift would be essential if Moscow follows through on a speedy withdrawal.

In New Delhi, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said that India has been involved in behind-the-scenes talks to assist in the search for a political solution in Afghanistan.

Shades

The spokesman said that since last year, Indian officials had been contacting "a number of people of various shades of political opinion, including the former Afghan King Zahir Shah."

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass said today that more than 40,000 former Afghan rebels had downed their weapons, a further 114,000 had agreed to observe a ceasefire and 116,000 refugees had returned home to Afghanistan.

Mubarak calls for united Arab front

MUSCAT, Jan 13. (Agencies) Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak arrived in Oman today on the last leg of his tour of Gulf Arab countries in quest of a united Arab strategy on the Iraq-Iran war and the Palestinian problem.

Mubarak flew in from Bahrain where he underscored the importance of Arab unity to push through the Middle East peace process with Palestinian participation in an international conference.

"We are searching for peace, we want to push through the peace process, we want the Palestinians represented in an international (Middle East peace) conference," he told reporters in Bahrain.

The tour which he began Jan 9 has also taken him to Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait, and Qatar.

In Muscat Mubarak and Oman's Sultan Qaboos Bin Said strolled side by side down a red carpet to review a guard of honour and meet local diplomats. Mubarak will hold talks with Sultan Qaboos before leaving Muscat tomorrow.

Addressing a press conference in Bahrain, Mubarak expressed hopes the Iran-Iraq war would come to an end, dismissing the conflict as "absurd." He complained that the leaders of Iran

"have been slandering me because I am visiting the Gulf Arab countries."

"They (Iranian leaders) are clerics who should not utter injurious words that run contrary to the teachings of our glorious religion," he said. "But I can ask of them is to heed the call to peace" with Iraq.

Urgent

Mubarak underscored the "urgent necessity" of mustering a united Arab front "so that we (Arabs) may become an influential world power."

"My (Gulf) tour and talks reaffirm Arab solidarity, because intra-Arab accord is extremely important," he said. "Solidarity is the real fortress that evolves unity through consultation."

Mubarak explained that his two-hour visit to Bahrain was a matter of courtesy than official, citing the absence of the ruler, Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, on a private visit to Saudi Arabia.

In Muscat, sources close to Mubarak said he was considering a visit to Jordan in the next three days to discuss the latest escalation in the Gulf war with King Hussein.

Talks with King Hussein would enable Mubarak to convey the news of Arab leaders he has met on his tour.

Reagan suffers upset stomach

WASHINGTON, Jan 13. (Reuters) President Reagan was taken ill with an upset stomach during the night and cancelled some appointments, but held a meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, the White House said.

"Despite the discomfort during the night, including nausea and vomiting, the President in the morning had no fever, and all vital signs were normal," spokesman Martin Fitzwater said.

Reagan, who underwent surgery for colon cancer in 1985, was not receiving medication and his doctor found no evidence of "anything other than gastroenteritis," Fitzwater added in a written statement.

Takeshita said after a two-hour White House meeting that Japan would stimulate its domestic growth and try to reduce its trade surplus with the United States, an issue that has strained otherwise warm US-Japanese relations.

Richer Britons

LONDON, Jan 13. (AP) Britons are getting older and more solitary, but they are also richer.

They are marrying later, divorcing quicker and borrowing money and having babies outside of marriage at record levels, an official survey says.

Soviets not included in plan

US proposes international Gulf naval force

A KUWAITI newspaper reported yesterday that US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci has proposed a naval force from the United States, European and Arab countries to widen protection for shipping in the Gulf.

Meanwhile, in a rare display of superpower cooperation the Soviets and Americans hunted a mine in the Gulf together.

The Kuwaiti daily quoted "ranking American sources" as saying that Carlucci recently discussed the plan with officials from the Arab states of the GCC as well as Egypt and France.

The newspaper said Carlucci believed the force, partly financed by Japan, would reduce the financial burden that the United States bears because of its massive naval buildup in the region, which started last year in order to protect US-flag vessels.

It also said he believed it would ensure escorts for ships now undefended. The United States, France, Italy, Britain and Soviet Union accompany ships flying their own flags, but not those flying others. But the paper did not say whether the Soviets are also included in the plan.

The Netherlands and Belgium have supplied minesweepers to help clear hazards to shipping.

In an interview with CBS television yesterday, he reiterated the US commitment to protect American-flag shipping.

"We have no intention of changing our policy," he said. "Our commitment remains and we will have adequate forces in the Gulf to do the job."

In Bahrain Pennsylvania Republican Senator Arlen Specter said that Soviet forces yesterday asked the American Navy to help them hunt a mine, which the Soviets eventually blew up.

Specter, a member of the powerful Senate Appropriations and Intelligence Committees, said the joint minehunt indicated a significant change in Russian attitude and boded well for UN efforts to halt the Iran-Iraq war.

"I think that kind of US-USSR cooperation is going to be the ingredient which will bring about an end to the Iran-Iraq war, provided they can finally agree on an arms embargo," said Specter.

Escort

Shippers from other countries have complained that the escort operations have shifted Iranian attacks onto their vessels.

Iran, which his neutral ships to retaliate for Iraqi strikes on its own oil shipping, has not attacked vessels travelling in military convoys.

"The GCC leaders were not enthusiastic in their reaction to Carlucci's plan, but promised to study it," the newspaper reported.

"France stipulated that the plan be endorsed first by the concerned Arab states and rejected a joint command for the proposed force," the newspaper said, quoting American sources. "Paris wants each contingent to retain its independent command."

Carlucci on Sunday ended a tour of the Gulf, but gave no public reference to a plan along the lines reported by the newspaper. He visited Kuwait, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia which together with Oman, Qatar and the UAE make up the GCC.

Conceive

The senator, touring Europe and the Middle East during a Senate recess, arrived in Bahrain on Monday from Israel. He flew to Pakistan after meeting reporters today and will visit Syria later.

Specter said he could conceive of some sort of joint Soviet-American action under a UN flag to protect shipping lanes in the Gulf.

The senator learned of the US-Soviet minehunt on Tuesday during a visit to the American battle-cruiser USS Richmond K. Turner when he saw a transcript of the exchanges between American and Soviet ships.

On January 5, a Soviet minesweeper shepherding a merchant ship passed a suspected mine, but sailed on until the escorted ship was out of the danger zone. Specter said.

As the Soviet vessel returned to search for the mine it radioed the Turner for help and gave "remarkably precise" details of the suspected mine's location.

Specter said the Turner launched two helicopters to join the hunt but it was the Soviet minesweeper that finally found and blew up the mine. The senator did not know precisely where in the Gulf the incident took place.

Tanker raid death toll rises to eight

MANAMA, Jan 13. (Agencies) Eight seamen were killed when an Iraqi Exocet missile struck the crew quarters of a Cypriot tanker steaming down the Gulf fully laden with Iranian gasoline, shipping sources said today.

Greek shipping sources, who asked not to be named confirmed that eight seamen (four Greek officers and four Filipino crewmen) died in the attack on the Greek-owned United Venture on Monday night.

Sustained

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, identified the dead Greeks as skipper Elias Ganoulas, 54, first mate Thanassis Papadakis, 49, chief engineer Theodoros Ananidakis, 53, and third engineer Tasos Tsilikas. The names of the dead Filipinos were not immediately available.

A fifth Greek aboard the tanker, second engineer Stratos Folides, was in a serious condition with injuries sustained when the Iraqi jet fighter swept across the waters of the Gulf and sent one of the French-made Exocets crashing into the crew accom-

modation of the United Venture.

Iran claimed today it has launched a new offensive together with Iranian-backed Kurdish guerrillas inside northeast Iraq and killed hundreds of Iraqis near the Turkish border.

But a military spokesman in Baghdad denied that any such offensive was launched. The spokesman, quoted by the official Iraqi News Agency "categorically denied the claims," and said journalists will soon visit the area "and will divulge the Iranian lies."

Polluted

In Dubai, oil sources said today that an Iranian oil platform shelled by the US Navy last October is still spewing crude into the polluted Gulf, further threatening marine life.

They said that despite efforts by Iran to burn off the oil, a significant amount was still leaking from the platform at Tehran's Rostam field 120 miles east of Bahrain.

"The amount of oil gushing from the field must be declining now due to reduced pressure," one source said.

Iran gets new Silkworms

WASHINGTON, Jan 13. (Reuters) Iran this week received a new shipment of powerful Chinese-built Silkworm missiles which could be used against ships in the Gulf war zone, US defence and intelligence officials said today.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters the missiles arrived yesterday

aboard the Iranian merchant ship Iran Bayan from North Korea.

"There is no evidence to suggest that this is reflective of any new contracts for Silkworm missiles," said one defence official, who called it "an apparent delivery of previously agreed sales by China."

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Maximum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 18°C 64°F

Ahmed: 16°C 61°F

Falaka: 16°C 61°F

Maximum temperature expected:

Kuwait: 16°C 61°F

Ahmed: 14°C 57°F

Falaka: 12°C 54°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 88 per cent

Ahmed: 74 per cent

Falaka: 79 per cent

Maximum humidity expected:

Kuwait: 84 per cent

Ahmed: 85 per cent

Falaka: 92 per cent

Minimum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 6°C 43°F

Ahmed: 9°C 48°F

Falaka: 10°C 50°F



Chiang

Taiwan's President dies of heart attack

TAIPEI, Jan 13. (Reuters) Taiwan's President Chiang Ching-Kuo died of a heart attack today, leaving behind no clear leader and a government divided over his programme of democratic reforms.

Premier Yu Kuo-Hua announced the death of the 77-year-old president, son of Chinese wartime leader Chiang Kai-Shek, in a live television address.

Vice-President Lee Teng-Hui was sworn in as successor to Chiang who spent his final years tearing down the authoritarian state he helped create and ramming through reforms against stiff resistance from hard-liners in the government and security forces.

Saddened

"We are deeply saddened by the death of our leader and can not believe it... it is a great loss to our nation," Yu said.

The government's chief spokesman said Chiang left a will urging his successor to push the cause of constitutional democracy on Taiwan and struggle to realise his cherished dream of reuniting China.

Shaw Yu-Ming announced a month of national mourning for Chiang, who was once feared as the head of the secret police but later became a popular and respected President.

Scores of people knelt and wept in front of the presidential palace in central Taipei. State television repeatedly broadcast pictures of the cabinet, their heads bowed in front of Chiang's portrait.

A government announcement said all entertainment centres would be closed for three days and during the mourning month all political demonstrations would be banned.

Taiwan's Nationalist government fled to the island in 1949 after being toppled by the communists. It still claims to rule all of China.

Lee said in a statement: "We hope everybody will comply with Chiang's will — stick to the national policy of recovering mainland China and actively promote constitutional democracy."

"I will fully comply with the constitution, maintain national security and promote the well-being of the people."

Although he suffered from diabetes and was confined to a wheelchair, Chiang presided over a series of dramatic political changes that began when martial law was lifted last July.

Tolerated

Since then, scores of political prisoners have been released, opposition parties tolerated and press controls relaxed. In November, the government eased a 38-year ban on travel to China.

Chiang woke up this morning feeling nausea, hospital vice president Chiang Pi-Lin said. At noon, the President went into shock and died two hours after emergency treatment failed.

Chiang is survived by his wife Faina, three sons and a daughter. For years, there was speculation he would be succeeded by one of his sons, but he had made it clear in recent years his successor would not be a member of his family.

INTERNATIONAL

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'Perestroika' facing obstacles

Gorbachev vows to pursue reform drive relentlessly

MOSCOW, Jan 13. (Reuters): Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev has pledged that his reform programme will be relentlessly pursued and would turn the Soviet Union into the world's most democratic state.

In a meeting with some of the country's top intellectuals, Gorbachev said his "Perestroika" reconstruction drive faced critics from right and left and a huge legacy of fearsome problems left over by his predecessors.

But he declared in an exposition analysts said provided a keynote text on the direction of the reforms in 1988: "To stop now would be disastrous. We must not permit it under any circumstances."

Ranged
The meeting, attended by senior media editors and cultural figures, took place on Jan 8 but a detailed account was only issued by the official Tass news agency last night.

Gorbachev, 56, ranged over almost every aspect of the radical reforms he launched soon after coming to power in March 1985. "You should have no doubts. We will concede nothing in our Perestroika policy," he said. "We are dedicated to take this policy through to the end. The choice is made and we will not turn off course."

In another part of the discussion, he declared: "If we take fright and stop the process we have begun, it would have the most serious consequences, because we simply could not raise our people to such a massive task a second time."

Describing western-style government is essentially anti-democratic, he said: "no-one will go so far in questions of democracy as we will, because that is the essence of the socialist system."

Pressure
The meeting followed several weeks of speculation among liberal-minded Soviet intellectuals that the reform drive might be slowing down under pressure from highly-placed conservatives.

But Gorbachev insistently linked the whole Communist Party Politburo, the Kremlin's inner



Gorbachev

cabinet, to the "full-steam-ahead" prospect for democratisation of all aspects of Soviet life over the coming months and years.

A radical extension of democracy — within the party, government and the legal and judicial system — would be the prime aim for a communist conference to be held in Moscow in the summer, he said.

He told the intellectuals, who included some of the most ardent media champions of his "glasnost" or openness policies as well as some figures whose position is more reserved, to maintain close scrutiny of authority.

But he said although there were no limits to glasnost — open discussion of public issues ranging from history through farming policy to the state of the health services — it had to be "in the interests of socialism."

Audience
Gorbachev clearly sought to reassure the Liberals in his Friday audience, and those who would be reading the account in today's Soviet press, that there would be no let-up in any aspect of the reform programme.

He suggested critics of the Perestroika from the left and included former Moscow city party chief and radical reformist Boris Yeltsin, whose dismissal last November alarmed even Gorbachev supporters and brought some public protests.

Without specifically mentioning Yeltsin, Gorbachev said fears among intellectuals and young people that his removal was "a blow at Perestroika" had been "a profound illusion."

New UK party is third-placed political grouping

Social Democrats and Liberals merge

LONDON, Jan 13. (AP): Leaders of the Social Democratic and Liberal Parties announced today an agreement to merge, ending months of wrangling that has split the centrist movement and slashed its popularity.

The new party, Britain's third-placed political grouping, will be called the Social and Liberal Democratic Party, the leaders announced.

The merger agreement between the parties, which have fought two general elections as an electoral alliance, will be put to special party conferences late January for endorsement. The parties' members then will be balloted.

Half the Liberals' eight-member negotiating team resigned in protest at the name and the specific endorsement of British membership in Nato — at the insistence of the Social Democrats — in the new party's constitution.

Stomach

"The Liberals have given in again. I cannot stomach it," said Liberal Tony Greaves as he and three others walked out of the talks and resigned shortly before the merger announcement.

But Liberal leader David Steel said: "I am very pleased with the outcome and naturally sad that we could not carry all our colleagues along with us."

Steel, widely expected to lead

the new party, precipitated the merger negotiations immediately after the general election in June 1987 in which Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party won a third consecutive term.

SDP leader David Owen, a former Foreign Secretary, resigned in protest and plans to retain the Social Democrats as a fourth political party.

Victory

Steel blamed the double leadership for the alliance's showing in the election, when its vote share fell from 25.4 per cent to 22.6 per cent. The alliance has 22 members in the 650-seat House of Commons, of whom 17 are Liberals.

Mrs Thatcher's victory meant the alliance failed for a second successive time in its bid to break the power grip of Britain's two big parties, the Conservatives and the socialist Labour Party.

Robert MacLennan, who succeeded Owen as SDP leader, said today: "I think the end result is we have put together a package which the two parties can be proud of."

The SDP-Liberal alliance has crashed in poll ratings to around 11 per cent support since June, the worst since the alliance was formed in Sept 1981.

Liberal and SDP negotiators said today the policy of the new party will be to retain British nuclear weapons and British

membership in Nato. They added that Nato membership was enshrined in the party constitution.

On the name of the new party, the Liberals had battled for the title Liberal and Social Democrats, with their name first to reflect a long history as successors to the 19th-century Whigs.

The Liberals, whose past prime ministers include William Gladstone and Lord Asquith, were supplanted by Labour as the second major party in the 1920s.

The Social Democratic Party was founded in March 1981 by Owen and three other ex-cabinet ministers who quit Labour in protest at its leftward drift.

Transexual fends off return to male prison

ADELAIDE, Jan 13. (Reuters): An Australian transexual won a fight today against being jailed again with men.

A court here refused to extradite Simone Rothchild, 34, from South Australia to New South Wales for escaping from a Sydney men's prison where she alleged inmates had repeatedly raped her.

Magistrate Clynton Johansen discharged Rothchild, saying it would be scandalous to return to a male prison, but he gave her nine months in a South Australian prison — for women — on a separate car stealing charge.

Rothchild was born a male but developed female physical characteristics as a teenager and later underwent a sex-change operation in Switzerland, the court was told.

"You can imagine throwing me in with 600 to 700 men who are in there for assorted crimes — rapes, murders," she said at the extradition hearing.

"I have to shower with them, I have to live with them and go through the daily routine with these men," Rothchild said. "Of course I'm going to be set upon."

Snowstorm hits US upper Midwest

NEW YORK, Jan 13. (AP): Freezing temperatures blew into the upper Midwest today after a storm dropped more than a foot (30 cm) of snow, stranding hundreds of travellers and forcing one presidential hopeful to cancel campaign appearances.

The snow eased early today, said Dan McCarthy, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service's severe storms centre in Kansas City, Missouri.

The wind at Sauli Ste. Marie, Michigan, made it feel like 33 degrees below zero Fahrenheit (minus 31 Celsius) early today, and wind gusting to near 35 mph (56 kph) at Mason City, Iowa, produced a wind chill of minus 51 F (minus 46 C).

The storm dumped 14 inches (35 cm) of snow in Minnesota and a foot or more on parts of Wisconsin and North Dakota.

Blizzard conditions in South Dakota yesterday disrupted traffic and sent wind chills to 40 below zero F (minus 40 C). Snow flurries whipped by gusty winds created havoc in parts of Iowa, causing numerous accidents, forcing schools to close early and resulting in the closing of a 100-mile (160-km) stretch of interstate 35.

The storm was blamed for three deaths in Iowa, including an 18-year-old man who drowned when his car fell through the ice atop a lake he was driving on.

Thermost left about 40 travellers stranded at the Greyhound bus depot in Fargo, North Dakota.

Mulder takes scandal secrets to the grave

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 13. (Reuters): Connie Mulder, an apostle of apartheid who almost became prime minister, has died in Johannesburg, taking to the grave the secrets of a 10-year-old political scandal.

After months of illness, Mulder died in a clinic yesterday without carrying out a threat to embarrass the government by making public details of what was known as the "infoscan" scandal.

It blew up in 1978 after revelations that the government was financing a secret campaign to give apartheid a better image.

Mulder, 62, an ex-schoolteacher who had a rapid rise to power, was his main victim.

It cost him votes in the contest to succeed prime minister John Vorster and he was narrowly defeated by P.W. Botha, who went on to become South Africa's President.

State radio said the burly, blunt-talking Mulder died of heart and kidney failure. A clinic

spokesman declined to give details of his illness.

Mulder maintained he had been made to take the blame for the scandal and said other ministers, possibly including Botha, were aware that secret funds were being spent in an elaborate propaganda campaign.

He was forced to resign as Information Minister after it became known that millions of dollars were spent to set up a pro-government newspaper, the Citizen, and to buy media influence abroad to defend Pretoria's apartheid policies.

Fraud
The Citizen was meant to counter the anti-apartheid Daily Mail which had a large readership among English-speaking whites. The Mail has since closed while the Citizen has continued under private ownership.

An inquiry found irregularities in the running of the fund, possibly involving theft and



Connie Mulder

fraud, and the information department was disbanded.

The affair prompted delegates from South Africa's Orange Free State province to back Botha when the National Party elected Vorster's successor, and Mulder lost his chance.

His humiliation appeared complete when he lost his parliamentary seat in 1979 but he fought on.

He made a comeback last May when he won a parliamentary seat for the extreme right conservative party which is dedicated to strict racial segregation.



Blackwell (left) helped by aides, gives some of the world's most famous women their annual dressings down. (Reuters wirephoto)

Lisa Bonet tops list of worst-dressed

LOS ANGELES, Jan 13. (AP): Actress Lisa Bonet has been named the worst-dressed woman of the year by Blackwell, the self-proclaimed arbiter of ugly fashion.

Blackwell described Miss Bonet as "Dracula's idea of a good time" at a news conference yesterday announcing his 28th annual list of 10 worst-dressed women, held in the gilded, ornate living room of his Hancock Park home.

Actually, he squeezed 12 women onto the chart by listing two ties.

Number two was Diane Keaton ("a bag lady after winning the lottery"), number three actress Justine Bateman ("a painfully stuffed sausage, unmercifully squashed in a tired old Esther Williams bathing suit") and number four a tie between singers Cher and Cyndi Lauper, lumped together as "Minsky's rejects, still trying."

Blackwell was referring to Minsky's, a New York Burlesque house in the 1930s where the women were known for the showy but gaudy appearances.

"I have always found that negatives are more printable and more exciting, than saying something wonderful," said Blackwell, who was born Richard Sylvan Selzer an unrevealed number of years ago and turned to fashion after careers as actor and personal manager.

Also listed were: Monaco's Princess Stephanie: "a gender-bender fashion frump... heaven help the monarchy."

Drag
Shelly Long: "From toes to nose, a comedy of errors."

Joan Collins: "Dressed to Chill... should be playing Baby Jane in a rib joint."

Sally Kellerman: "A bad drag before surgery."

Typhoon Roy devastates Guam

AGANA, Guam, Jan 13. (UPI): Typhoon Roy churned over the Pacific Ocean gusting at 150 mph today after a destructive \$6 million rampage across Guam that damaged homes, crops and roads and sank one of the world's largest sailing ketches.

The 300-mile-wide (480-km-wide) storm, the biggest typhoon to hit Guam since 1976, had moved several hundred miles west-northwest of the island today in an expanse of the Pacific Ocean nicknamed "Typhoon Valley" by meteorologists.

Damaged

The National Weather Service said Roy, its gusts reaching up to 150 mph (240 kph), was moving across the Pacific at about 12 mph (19 kph) and was not expected to threaten any land mass within the next three days.

Guam Governor Joseph Ada said hundreds of homes were damaged, dozens seriously.

14 injured in police firing in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Jan 13. (Reuters): Police opened fire at hundreds of demonstrators gathered to greet a Bangladeshi opposition leader last night, wounding at least 14.

Witnesses said police began shooting after teargas and baton charges failed to disperse the crowd at Bhairab railway station, east of Dhaka, shortly before a train carrying Begum Khaleda Zia arrived.

Khaleda, leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, began a cross-country tour yesterday to campaign for a boycott of parliamentary elections set for Feb 28.

The other key opposition leader, Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, started a similar journey on Monday.

Several people were arrested at the railway station in sporadic clashes between stone- and brick-throwing demonstrators and police.

Condemned
Addressing the crowd, Begum Khaleda condemned the shooting as an act of brutality and urged people to intensify the campaign to force President Hossein Mohammad Ershad to resign.

"Our movement will not stop until Ershad steps down and transfers power to a caretaker government responsible for establishing a flawless democracy," she said.

PLO plans 'confrontation' with Israel

ABU DHABI, Jan 13. (UPI): The PLO is planning to ship back "hundreds" of exiled Palestinians to the Israeli port of Haifa in a move designed to put "the enemy in a confrontation with the world public opinion," a PLO official said today.

The ship, Reunion, due to sail from a European port "shortly" for Haifa, will also carry "dozens of world leading figures," said the official, who asked not to be identified.

"We are trying to get everyone who has been expelled by the occupation authorities since (the) 1967" Arab-Israeli six-day war, he told reporters.

Among those who expressed readiness to return to their homeland are Sheikh Abdel Hamid Al Sayeh, Speaker of the Palestine National Council (parliament-in-exile) and PLO executive committee members Archbishop Elie Khouri and Mohammed Milhem, the official said.

He said "several" international human rights organisations, politicians, opinion leaders and intellectuals will take part in the "peaceful" operation.

India accuses Pakistan of border shelling

NEW DELHI, Jan 13. (AP): India today accused Pakistan of shelling Indian troops posted on a strategic Himalayan glacial ridge where 150 Pakistani soldiers were killed in clashes last September.

The United News of India news agency quoted the chief of India's northern Army command as saying Pakistan was creating tension in strategic area.

The 80-kilometre (50-mile) long Siachen glacier, the longest in the Himalayas, overlooks Chinese and Indian military concentrations in nearby valleys.

Lt Gen. B.C. Nanda told reporters in Jammu, summer capital of Kashmir state, that Pakistani troops shelled Indian positions on Siachen glacier last Monday and Tuesday.

There was no loss of life on the Indian side, he said.

In New Delhi, defence ministry officials were not available for comment.

India repulsed an alleged Pakistani attack on the glacier on Sept 22-25, killing at least 150 Pakistani soldiers and wounding a large number, Nanda said.

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Court allows treatment for Indira's assassin

NEW DELHI, Jan 13. (UPI): A Supreme Court tribunal today ruled that a panel of doctors can examine the surviving killer of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and advise treatment for a bullet lodged in his body.

The tribunal said the examination of Satwant Singh, 24, should be done within a week.

The ruling came a day after Singh's lawyer, Rupinder Singh Sodhi, claimed his client had been driven "insane" by pain from the bullet, which is lodged in his lower back and was fired by one of Mrs Gandhi's security men.

Sodhi said the bullet should be removed immediately. But a prosecution attorney, citing a previous medical finding, contended an operation was not necessary.

The three-judge panel from India's highest court today approved the names of three doctors to examine Singh to determine whether he should undergo surgery.

Appears

The panel on Jan 27 will resume hearing appeals by Singh and two other Sikhs against their convictions and death sentences in the Oct 31, 1984, assassination of Mrs Gandhi.

Satwant Singh, a former New Delhi police constable assigned to Mrs Gandhi's residence, and another Sikh bodyguard opened fire on her to avenge a June 1984 Army assault on Sikh separatists occupying the Golden Temple of Amritsar.

The second attacker, police sub-inspector Beant Singh, was shot and killed by other security men moments after Mrs Gandhi was hit.

Satwant Singh recovered to stand trial after he was operated on for several bullet wounds. However, the bullet in his back was not removed.

Junejo asked to testify in hijack trial

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 13. (UPI): Five Palestinians standing trial for the 1986 hijacking of a Pan Am airliner asked a court Tuesday to summon Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo, a senior official and six journalists as witnesses for the defence.

The five men told the court they might produce two or three other defence witnesses but they did not disclose their identity because they feared the government would apply pressure on them.

Beside Junejo, they said they also intended to summon as witnesses for the defence the press secretary of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

They explained that Junejo and Zia's press officer would be able to produce detailed statements issued by the Pakistan government about the storming and retaking of the airliner.

They added that if the prime minister and the presidential press officer were unable to appear in court, they could be represented by proxies.

The journalists they intend to have testify in court include Karachi-based correspondents for Time and Newsweek.

Roh, Kim Young-Sam discuss legislative polls

S. Korean foes bury the hatchet

SEOUL, Jan 13. (AP): President-elect Roh Tae-woo met with opposition leader Kim Young-Sam today for political peace talks following last month's bitter presidential election.

Roh and Kim met for almost three hours at the National Assembly to discuss upcoming legislative elections and ways to resolve a wide range of disputes. Both later said the talks made some headway.

"I think the meeting was fruitful. Mr Roh listened to me sincerely," Kim told reporters.

But Kim also said he warned Roh that the ruling Democratic Justice Party must not resort to fraud to win the National Assembly elections. He said the new government would not be able to rule if the elections were not honest.

"I told Mr Roh the Dec 16 presidential poll was rigged and urged him to fully investigate the election fraud," Kim said.

The meeting came after Roh

called for talks with opposition leaders to help him meet his election promise to usher in full democracy and end the country's tradition of authoritarian rule.

The two leaders agreed today that their parties would begin talks on rewriting election laws to prepare for National Assembly elections that are to be held by April.

Both said they would accept the outcome of the negotiations and were willing to be flexible on questions such as redrawing the size of electoral districts and deciding on an election date.

Officials of the ruling DJP and Kim's Reunification Democratic Party said the meeting was intended as a first step and both sides had fully expressed their views. The talks were twice as long as scheduled.

Roh defeated Kim Young-Sam and rival opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung Dec 16 in the first democratic presidential election in 16 years. Roh got 36.6 per cent

of the vote, while Kim Young-Sam received 28 per cent and Kim Dae-Jung 27 per cent.

Kim Young-Sam said after the talks that he had pressed Roh on the opposition's charges that the government used massive fraud to win the election.

The opposition leader said he demanded the dismissal of the entire cabinet and the criminal prosecution of the ministers of home affairs, defence and information for allegedly masterminding the fraud.

Release Roh, who has repeatedly rejected the fraud charges, said after the talks there had been some "overheated and violent incidents" during the campaign, but the voting took place "without problems."

The two leaders agreed that Kim would meet with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to appeal for leniency for some people now on trial in connection with political activities.

The opposition is demanding the release of some 1,200 people it claims are imprisoned or facing trial for political reasons, but the Chief Justice's powers do not extend to those already serving prison terms.

Roh said he had asked Kim Young-Sam to work with him in healing the country's political, regional and social divisions and steering national reconciliation. He also emphasised the importance of ensuring national security and the success of the Olympics.

Kim Dae-Jung, the country's other top opposition leader, has not yet accepted an invitation to meet with Roh. Kim Jong-Pil, who ran a distant fourth in the presidential election, is to meet with Roh on Saturday.

Roh is to take office Feb 25 when President Chun Doo-Hwan steps down at the end of a seven-year term in what would be the country's first peaceful transfer of power.

Arab North Africa to top talks agenda

Khaddafi will visit Tunis

TUNIS, Jan 13. (AP): Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi is to make an official visit to Tunis this weekend, less than three weeks after the two Arab neighbours re-established diplomatic ties. Tunisian authorities said today.

The announcement said Khaddafi and President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali would discuss "the Arab North Africa."

The government of former President Habib Bourguiba broke relations with Libya more than two years ago following the expulsion of more than 32,000 Tunisian workers from Libya and repeated Libyan threats against Tunisia.

Ben Ali took power in a bloodless palace coup on Nov 7, declaring that the 84-year-old Bourguiba was incapacitated by senile amnesia and arteriosclerosis.

Khaddafi will be the second

foreign chief of state to visit Tunis since Ben Ali's takeover. Algeria's President Chadli Benjedid came for talks with Ben Ali earlier in the week and then went on a one-day trip to Libya.

Benjedid's mediation played a substantial role in the reconciliation between Libya and Tunisia, according to diplomatic sources.

Algeria is tied to Tunisia and neighbouring Mauritania by a three-nation treaty of "friendship and co-operation." Benjedid has recently improved his relations with Khaddafi and has urged Libya's admission to the pact.

Ben Ali vetoed any move last year to open the treaty to Libya's membership on the grounds that Tunisia had no diplomatic relations with Libyan government.

Now that these relations have been re-established, diplomatic sources said, renewed Algerian pressure was expected to extend

the treaty to Libya.

While in Tunis earlier in the week, Benjedid said it was time to "go beyond slogans" and take concrete action to open the treaty to Libya's accession.

Such action would effectively isolate the fifth North African nation, Morocco, which has been locked in a bitter dispute with Algeria over the Western Sahara for the past 12 years.

Morocco's King Hassan II renounced his own unity treaty with Libya in 1986 following Khaddafi's violent denunciation of Hassan's meeting in Morocco with then-Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Khaddafi last visited Tunis in 1984, when he came to see Bourguiba for a few hours to demand the revival of a still-born agreement the two leaders signed on the Tunisian island of Djerba in January 1974, for the complete merger of Libya with Tunisia.

Teachers to be tested

BEIJING, Jan 13. (AP): Teachers in Chinese primary and middle schools will be given qualification examinations, and those who fail face transfers to other jobs, an official daily said today.

The State Education Commission has issued a circular stating that the nation's 8.2 million primary and middle school teachers will have four years, until 1991, to pass the exam and obtain a teaching qualification certificate, the China Daily reported.

The test, to include 42 subjects including teaching methods and educational psychology, will be given annually, starting in August.

The report said that of 5.4 million primary school teachers, 37 per cent current fail to meet state requirements of two years of higher education. Of 2.23 million junior middle school teachers, 70 per cent don't have the required three years of college, and 60 per cent of 510,000 higher middle school teachers lack the four years of college education required by the state.

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Death toll rises to 72

Another Filipino candidate slain

MANILA, Jan 13. (Reuters): Another candidate in next week's Philippine local elections was shot dead by unknown gunmen, bringing to 72 the number of people killed in pre-poll violence, the military said today.

The killing of Sulpicio Paltinga, a candidate for councillor in the southern town of Malangas, came amid appeals from President Corazon Aquino, the church and business sectors for an end to the worsening violence.

An Army spokesman said Paltinga was resting in a store when he was gunned down by two men on Tuesday in Zamboanga Del Sur province.

Military Chief General Fidel Ramos called on soldiers to remain neutral in the Monday polls and to strictly enforce a law banning civilians from carrying firearms outside their homes.

Another senior military officer said the banned Communist Party was fielding candidates in the January 18 polls through the People's Party (PNB), a legal leftist group branded by the military as a communist front.

"We know what PNB is all about. Let us face reality. The PNB is what you call the attempt (by the Communist Party) to participate in parliamentary struggle," said Murine chief

Brigadier-General Rodolfo Biazon.

There was no immediate reaction from the PNB on the allegations but it has denied it was a communist arm.

The new year will be the beginning of the end to almost two decades of communist insurgency in the Philippines, a top Army general said today.

As the military reported 23 people killed in three days of clashes between government and rebel forces, Philippine Marines commander Brigadier-General Rodolfo Biazon said the guerrilla New People's Army was making its last stand.

"The rebels will become more active this year to either recover their losses or project visibility. I think that it is the beginning of their defeat," he told a diplomatic forum.

Biazon, an influential adviser to President Corazon Aquino, told reporters the communists would step up attacks in 1988 to shake the government but said the strategy would backfire on them.

Military figures show an average of 10 people died a day from the insurgency in 1987.

"These killings and intimidations are not going to be accepted by a lot of people... more and more people will realise that the danger is imminent and more and more people will band together in order to resist it," Biazon said.

Birth control after 40 children

ISTANBUL, Jan 13. (Reuters): After siring 40 children by his four wives, Turkish tobacco farmer Mehmet Yavuz has discovered birth control.

"Belatedly, I have found out ways not to have children," Yavuz, 40, told the Anatolian news agency in his four-room village home in the remote eastern province of Mus.

"I can't remember which child has which mother and I sometimes forget their names. Life is very difficult and we have decided to have no more children," he said.

Yavuz told the agency on Tuesday he was converted by health workers who visited his home and explained birth control.

It is illegal to have more than one wife in Turkey, although Muslims in some remote areas continue to do so.

Hamadi out of solitary confinement

FRANKFURT, Jan 13. (AP): Alleged TWA hijacker Mohammed Ali Hamadi has been taken out of a solitary confinement prison cell and is now kept with an Arabic-speaking prisoner, a West German radio station reported today.

A day before, the An-Nahar newspaper of Beirut reported that Mohammed Hamadi said in a handwritten letter delivered to the daily that he has been held for five months in a cramped cell in solitary confinement.

The letter was released eight days after a group calling itself Holy Warriors for Freedom announced it had received a letter from Hamadi complaining about his alleged maltreatment in Frankfurt's Preungesheim prison.

But today Hesse state radio reported: "Mohammed Hamadi is no longer in a solitary confinement cell."

"He is now in a cell with another Arabic-speaking prisoner," the radio said. It did not say when the transfer took place.

West German police used wiretaps to help capture suspected kidnapper Abbas Ali Hamadi after the arrest of the defendant's brother, an alleged TWA hijacker, according to testimony today.

Abbas Hamadi is charged with kidnapping two West German businessmen in Beirut in an attempt to force West German officials to release his brother, Mohammed. A customs officer's personal suspicion led Mohammed's arrest.

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Cabinet discusses outcome of Mubarak's visit

THE Council of Ministers held a meeting yesterday and discussed the results of the visit to Kuwait by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and the developments of the popular uprising in the occupied Arab territories and the Iran-Iraq war.

Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed, told Kuwaiti news agency (Kuna) that the meeting expressed deep satisfaction for the results of President Mubarak's visit which represents a positive and practical step for the future of joint Arab action.

Rashed added that the meeting discussed the results of President Mubarak's visit which ended on Tuesday during which he had talks with HH the Amir on developments of the Iran-Iraq war and the efforts aimed at bringing it to an end and the situation in the Arab arena, topped by the

Palestinian crisis in addition to means of consolidating bilateral relations.

Rashed also said that the meeting, headed by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, has emphasised that the current Gulf tour of President Mubarak stands as an effective national move that affirms the role of Egypt in realising the hopes for Arab solidarity in face of serious challenges threatening the Arab national security in the light of the joint vision agreed on by Arab leaders at their summit in Amman last November.

Reactions

The Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs also said that the meeting, which was held to complete discussing items that were not tackled at the ordinary meeting, reviewed latest Arab developments and the situation in occupied Palestine.

The Council of Ministers reviewed the Islamic reactions for the call made by the Amir for serious support to the Palestinian people in the heroic steadfastness it is showing.

The cabinet also took note of the Arab and international efforts aimed at putting an end to the Iraq-Iran war and realising security and stability in the Arabian Gulf, Rashed said.

He added that the cabinet was briefed on the minutes of two meetings for the committee to exempt the families of the dead from the loans to the Credits and Savings Bank and decided to approve their recommendations for exemption after studying the living and social conditions of those families.

The Council of Ministers discussed other domestic issues and adopted suitable resolutions concerning them, Rashed concluded.

Inspection tour

A DELEGATION of assistant directors from Kuwait Municipality inspected the Safat Square and Abdurazzak Dirwazah projects recently to check on progress being made on these two major city projects.

The delegation included: Assistant Directors of Transport, Abdul Latif Al Issa; Stores, Mohammed Al Humaidi; Administrative and Financial Affairs, Mussaad Al Einazi and the Controller of Public Affairs and Relations.

Siamese twins born

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But he said, the size of his wife's womb called for an X-ray three weeks before the delivery, when the existence of the twins was revealed.

He added, his wife almost gave birth normally, but the doctors decided to operate when they discovered the situation was critical and the babies were Siamese twins.

He said his wife did not experience any unusual pains during pregnancy.

The doctor in charge of the twins Saied Mahfooz, told the Arab Times that this was the first time Siamese twins were born in Kuwait.

Dr Mahfooz said that 70 per cent of such cases were females, and only 30 per cent were males. There was no known reason why such deformities developed, he said.

He said that 40 per cent of Siamese twins are joined at the chest, and the rest are joined at the navel or elsewhere.

The doctor said that the success of an operation to separate the twins depended on the degree of abnormality and deformity. If these twins shared one heart or the same vascular system then a multi-specialised team would be required.

He pointed out that it would not be necessary to send the twins abroad for treatment because Kuwait has adequate expertise and equipment, and the hospital would arrange to bring any necessary specialists from abroad.

He said the twins were being examined extensively in preparation for drawing up a plan for an operation.

Search for Oman's link with Mesopotamia

MUSCAT, Jan. 13, (AP): An international team of archaeologists began a two-month expedition today to uncover the site of an ancient port they think linked Oman with Mesopotamia and the Indus Valley civilisation.

Expedition leader Julian Reade, 49, a curator at the British Museum in London, said early findings indicated that Ras Al Junayz, a sleepy fishing village along the sultanate's Arabian Sea coastline, was bustling harbour in the fourth millennium BC.

"From a global point of view, it is very important that we establish the relationship between ancient civilisations," Reade said. "We believe this site will provide valuable evidence proving Oman's links with Mesopotamia and the Indus valley."

The 10-man team is working in liaison with Oman's Ministry of National Heritage and Culture.

19 accidents

A MAN died yesterday after his car collided with another car.

There were 19 traffic accidents, in Kuwait with two taking place in the capital, two in Hawalli, eight in Ahmadi and seven in Jahra.



Sheikh Salem (second right) is seen holding talks with US congressional delegation.

Israel and Iran in terrorism alliance

LONDON, Jan. 13, (Kuna): The secretary-general of the Council of Arab Interior Ministers Dr Akram Nashat, said in a press statement published here today that the Iranian ruling regime and the Israeli entity were terrorists, and warned that any Arab country could be subject to their acts of aggression unless careful precautions were taken.

Speaking to the London-based, Al-Majalla magazine, Dr Nashat said that the worst brand of terrorism was currently seen in the terrorist Zionist-Iranian alliance.

Aggression

He warned that Iran and Israel would circumscribe Arab countries through warfare, terrorism or other forms of aggression, as witnessed inside some Arab states.

He added that the Arabs were now in a state of war with Israel and Iran, who were masterminding subversive acts against Arab countries from the inside.

He commented on the so-called Islamic Revolution as declared by the Iranian regime, saying that it was a terrorist revolution and could not be Islamic since Islam did not permit any such inhuman practices.

Smuggling

He added that the Iranian revolution was meant to export terrorism to some Islamic states, saying that the Council of Arab Interior Ministers had requested the general secretariat during its

sixth session to draw up an Arab strategy against terrorists for discussion at its forthcoming session.

He also pointed out that the council had adopted a special strategy against drug-trafficking and dealers in 1986 and hoped it would give positive results.

He stressed the importance of joint cooperation and action by Arab states in fighting drug-smuggling and curbing all such illicit activities.

54,300 post office boxes allocated

SULEIMAN Al Haqqan, the Director of Operations at Kuwait's Communication Ministry, said that the ministry had recently allocated about 54,300 post office boxes to postal exchanges and 47,447 of these had been rented.

In an interview with the Communication Ministry's magazine, Al Haqqan said that the department had provided the boxes in response to public demand at new post offices.

Al Haqqan asked citizens to cooperate with the post office department by having in-going mail marked with the correct postal code number, adding that this would also ensure prompt delivery of their mail. The post offices will also be provided with necessary postmen and delivery drivers, he said, and praised the cooperation between Kuwait's postal department.

10 years jail for attempted murder

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court has sentenced a man to ten years imprisonment for attempted murder and one month for teasing a woman to be followed by deportation.

The court was told the defendant teased the wife of the plaintiff who was standing in front of the shop where the defendant worked. The husband reprimanded the defendant and the matter ended. Two weeks later the husband came with his sister to the shop and the defendant stabbed him with a knife while he was entering his car and then fled. The husband was taken to hospital.

The defendant claimed he had no knife but seized the knife from the husband who came threatening him.

Congressional black caucus leader to visit Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13, (Kuna): The current chairman of the congressional black caucus and ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Representative Mervyn Dymally arrives in Saudi Arabia late Thursday on his first visit to the country.

"I view this as a fact-finding mission: to understand the problems of the Saudis, to understand the impact of the Gulf conflict upon Saudi Arabia and to reacquaint myself with some of my friends whom I met in Washington over the last seven years," Dymally told Kuna before departing the United States.

Weight

The Democrat congressman from California also said he hoped to discuss with Saudi officials the question of Arab-bashing in the United States and how can the Saudis support domestic organisation that are fighting against such bigotry.

Dymally's visit to the Arab Gulf country is at the invitation of Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud. The congressman has visited only one Arab Gulf country before: the United Arab Emirates in 1981.

Osaimi confers with US Congressmen

KUWAIT'S Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Mohammed Al Osaimi yesterday conferred with two US Congressmen and the accompanying delegation, and the US Ambassador to Kuwait Nathaniel Howell.

A reliable Foreign Ministry source told Kuna that Osaimi's talks with Mel Levine and Robert Torricelli dealt with bilateral relations, latest regional developments and the danger of Iran-Iraq war.

They also discussed the situation in occupied Arab lands, the Palestinian people's revolt and Israeli suppressive measures.

The two congressmen, who are members of the House Subcommittee on Mideast and European Affairs, were in Iraq on Tuesday. The congressional delegation also held talks with Kuwait's Defence Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah.

Social service registration

REGISTRATION for the social service programme of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training will begin on Jan 23 and end on Jan 31.

The director of social services and continuous education, Ghuloom Al Attar, said that a new programme for women only will begin from the next spring season, and will include television and video repairs and maintenance, electrical installation, embroidery, first aid, and an introduction to computer programming.



The new Kuwaiti Ambassador in Belgrade Essa Al Hamad presenting his credentials to the Yugoslav President at a ceremony held in the presidential palace in Belgrade.

Conference of social affairs ministers ends

LABOUR and social affairs ministers of the seven Arab Gulf countries have decided to strengthen cooperation between their countries in areas of labour training and social security systems.

The ministers, who Tuesday night wound up three days of talks in Kuwait, assigned a follow-up office of their council to prepare for compiling directory describing and categorising professions in the Gulf countries.

The ministers of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and Iraq agreed to meet again in 1990 in Abu Dhabi.

Riots

The final statement of their conference indicated that the labour ministers talked politics in addition to social affairs.

The statement denounced repeated Iranian attacks on Kuwait and sounded backing to all steps the country has taken to protect its territories and territorial waters.

The ministers also expressed indignation over the Iranian-ignited riots in the Muslim season in Makkah, Saudi Arabia, last summer and supported the Saudi Kingdom's right to take whatever measures to avert a recurrence.

Deplored

The statement said the labour ministers of the seven Arab Gulf countries deplored Iran's rejection of peace calls and its insistence on taking its war with Iraq to a military end.

They also strongly condemned the brutality with which the Israeli troops were trying to quell the Palestinian anti-occupation uprising in the West Bank and Gaza.

They called on Arab organisations to lend all-out support to the Arabs in the occupied territories and urged the UN Security Council and other world bodies to bear their responsibilities for protection of the unarmed civilians in those areas, the statement said.

Tunisian premier to visit Kuwait

TUNIS, Jan. 13, (Kuna): Tunisian Premier Ali Haddi Al Baccouche will visit Kuwait next week as part of a tour of the Gulf. He will hold talks with officials of the Arab Gulf countries on Arab and international issues.

Al Baccouche will arrive in Kuwait on Monday.

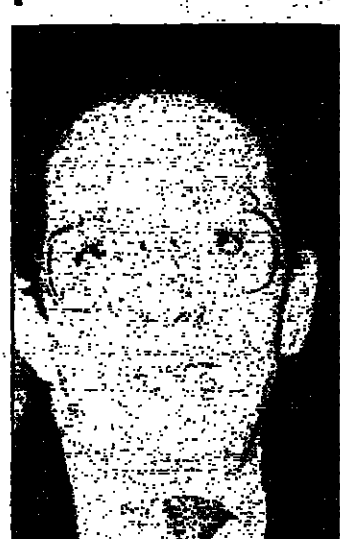
Sources of the Tunisian cabinet today told Kuna that the visit aims to raise contacts between the Tunisian leadership which took office last November with leaders of Gulf states and brief them on Tunisia's new policy.

During the week-long visit, Al Baccouche will hold talks with officials of Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and United Arab Emirates on economic issues, and ways of boosting investment cooperation between Tunisia and the Gulf States.

On the other hand, the sources declared that the aim of Baccouche's visit to France which will start tomorrow is to clear Tunisian-French atmospheres which were clouded during the early days of the new government.

Some sources feared that the cancellation of French Foreign Minister Jean Bernard Raimond's visit to Tunisia this month due to health reasons was an indication of a new French stance toward Tunisia's preference of the US wheat to the French, which Paris viewed as a political rather than trade decision.

ALO, GCC cooperation praised



Al Hashimi Al Banani

THE general secretary of the Arab Labour Organisation (ALO), Al Hashimi Al Banani, has praised the cooperation between the ALO and the GCC Council of Social Affairs and Labour Ministers.

He said the ALO was working on the final phase of a law on Arab professional classification which is to be placed before the Arab labour conference to be held in Baghdad during March.

In a speech at the concluding meeting of the ninth session of the GCC Council of Social Affairs and Labour Ministers, Al Banani emphasised the importance of coordination among Gulf states for achieving integrity at all levels.

He said the ALO had prepared a plan for the next 20 years covering various labour fields. The strategy included labour development and training programmes.

Lawyer cheated plaintiff

A WOMAN lawyer has been found guilty of embezzlement by the Court of Misdemeanour and sentenced to two years imprisonment with hard labour to be followed by deportation.

The court heard that the defendant had earlier worked on a case brought to her by the plaintiff who gave her two dud cheques issued by a man who owed him KD26,000.

She agreed to look into the case but cheated the plaintiff out of KD19,000 after convincing him to give her power of attorney and cashed some of the debt money without the plaintiff's knowledge.

Superlights cigarette



MOHAMMED Abdul Salem Shuaib and Brothers Company have introduced a new type of cigarette: Superlights (pictured above) made by Rothmans of Pall Mall. The cigarette has a US blend of fine tobaccos and is a light one with taste. Superlights come in a distinctive white glossy pack and carton and are available at cooperative society supermarkets and major retail stores. (Government warning: Smoking is a major cause of cancer and diseases of the lungs, heart and arteries.)



The Kuwait Municipality delegation checks the progress on the Abdurazzak Dirwazah Project.

Traditional Kuwaiti village at Sief area under study

A TRADITIONAL Kuwaiti village will be the focal point of a project under study to develop the area east of the Sief area, and according to Mussa Al Sarraf, the Director of the Design Department at the Municipality, the project is an attempt to make up for the destruction of historically significant landmarks in Kuwait.

The project area will extend south from Ahmed Al Jaber Street to Gulf Street and west from Mubarak Al Kabir Street to Jaber Al Mubarak Street.

Gallery

The folk village, covering 17 hectares, will feature traditional Kuwaiti handicrafts such as wood, leather and copper crafts and models of ship building and sadu work. Historical buildings in the area such as diwanis and houses which reflect the Kuwaiti culture, will be preserved.

The National Council for Culture, Literature and Arts, a gallery for exhibits, a centre for the Ministry of Information and

Silver jubilee celebrations

KARACHI, Jan. 13, (Kuna): The silver jubilee celebrations of Pakistan-Kuwait Friendship Society opened here today with a reception given by the society president Ahmed E. H. Jaffer in honour of the Kuwaiti Consul General Hamad Hassan Al Nassar. The Pakistan-Kuwait Friendship Society was inaugurated by the late Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah when he visited the city of Karachi 25 years ago.

The reception was largely attended by diplomats, industrialists, businessmen and leading citizens.

Kuwait's Consul General in Karachi, Al Nassar in a brief speech, paid tribute to Ahmed Jaffer for promoting friendship and brotherly relations between Kuwait and Pakistan.

His Highness the Amir of Kuwait has conferred upon Jaffer a high decoration "Order of Kuwait" which will be officially presented to him by Kuwait ambassador to Pakistan at a reception in Karachi toward the end of this month.



A car was split into two when it collided with another along the Fifth Ring Road at its junction with Abdul Karim Al Khatabi Street. The other car was badly damaged. Both drivers were rushed to hospital. Security men were called to the scene to investigate the cause of the accident. The investigations revealed that driving at high speed and the rain were responsible. Picture shows one half of the car.



Table Talk

BY DINAH

IF you are visiting this part of the world for the first time or have only recently come to work in the area, you shouldn't miss eating a typical middle-eastern meal in traditional surroundings. Le Tarbouche restaurant in the foyer of the Sheraton Hotel, specialising in Lebanese cuisine, is one of the places you might try. Imaginatively designed to suggest a courtyard surrounded by carved rosewood balconies, Le Tarbouche is decorated in warm shades of russet and brown. Details such as the terracotta floor tiles, wooden tables, embroidered table-runners and cushions, earthenware

A typical middle-eastern meal

water pitchers and hand-painted glassware give the restaurant a rustic feel. Even the waiters are dressed in embroidered waistcoats and fezzes. Sedu wall hangings, Moorish arches, brass lanterns and heavy, ornate carved doors add to the atmosphere. Lebanese music plays a little too loudly in the background. The menu offers hot and cold mezzeh and a few main course dishes. Large parties can order a set menu of appetizers for KD8 while smaller groups can select individual mezzeh dishes. We ordered six mezzeh, which was too much for two people when eaten as a starter. The Sheraton would do well to provide a range of set mezzeh menus for two, four or six diners, with smaller portions, so that it would be possible to try a range of dishes, no matter how many of you were dining. At present the menu is better suited to larger parties of diners which is perhaps why only two other tables were occupied during the time we were there.

Variety
Lebanese cuisine with its use of a wide variety of vegetables, salads and pulses is one of the healthiest in the world. Slim-

mers, vegetarians and health-food enthusiasts could order a tasty and nutritious meal at Le Tarbouche. On the other hand, for carnivores there is a wide range of offal dishes such as spleen with sesame, brains or heart and delicacies like quail. The mezzeh were served in traditional earthenware mezzeh dishes along with a basket of Iranian and Arabic bread. It was a pity that there was no toasted khubuz, which I find the tastiest. The Baba Ganoush was by far the most delicious of the six appetizers. Pureed aubergine with cucumber, onion and tomato, it had a tangy lemon flavour. Hummus, or chick pea dip, is a must on any mezzeh table and that served at Le Tarbouche has a rich, nutty flavour. The Tabboleh (parsley and cracked wheat salad) was aromatic with fresh mint and lemon juice. By contrast the lentil and rice salad was a tasteless disappointment and the shrimp salad (chopped prawns with cucumbers and tomatoes) was similarly bland and insipid. However, the spinach fattayer - piping hot pastries filled with tasty spinach and pine nuts were very appetising.

The main course dishes range from about KD2.500 to KD5.000. Lamb, chicken and minced meat kebabs were offered in addition to grilled prawns, hamour or mixed kebabs. The portions were very generous and the food individually cooked. The grilled hamour was the tastiest I have eaten in Kuwait. Boneless steaks of fish cooked in a tangy, lemon, garlic and parsley butter were served with french fries and grilled tomato. My guest's choice of lamb kebab was also a success. Two skewers of tender, juicy lamb cubes had been lightly marinated before being cooked on the charcoal grill. Crisp on the outside and rare at the centre, they were served with slices of caspicum, khubuz coated with hot chilli paste, onions sprinkled with sumak and french fries.

For guests who have any room left after this feast, a small dessert buffet is attractively displayed with fresh fruit and an imaginative arrangement of birds of paradise flowers. The range of sweets was limited to a few Arabic pastries, two kinds of Muhallabia and chocolate cake. The Muhallabia (milk

pudding) topped with roasted almonds was excellent as was the concoction of semolina and cheese. The Black Forest cake looked very tempting but was a little dry as were the Ataf (cheese filled pancakes).

When trade is slack waiters tend to be either over-attentive or too relaxed. The latter was the case at Le Tarbouche where the service was adequate, but casual and slightly offhand. Water glasses didn't get refilled, although there was a total of only three diners in the restaurant at the time. The bill came to KD13.500 which works out as expensive when compared with the sumptuous lunch buffet at the Sheraton's Al Hamba, but at Le Tarbouche one is paying for individually prepared main course dishes.

RESTAURANT: Le Tarbouche
TYPE: Lebanese restaurant of the Sheraton Hotel
MEAL: Three course lunch
PRICE: KD13.500 (for two)
Star rating (out of five):
FOOD: ****
SERVICE: ***
ATMOSPHERE: ****
VALUE FOR MONEY: ****

CINEMA

Al Andalus
Al Nimir Wal Unsa (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim

Al Salmiya
Out of Bounds
Starring: Anthony Michel-Hull, Jenny Wright, Jeff Cooper

Al Hamra
Jara Al Wahoush (Arabic)
Starring: Noor Al Shariff, Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Noora

Drive-In
Al Nimir Wal Unsa (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim

Al Firdous
Watan Ke Rakhwale (Hindi)

Fahabeh Open-Air
Mirch Masala (Hindi)
Starring: Smrita Patil, Naseeruddin Shah

Al Fahabeh
Miss Lolita (Bengali)

Al Jahra
Hasna'a Wa Amalqah (Arabic)

Granada
Pray For Death

Sulabikhat
Amritham (Malayalam)

Al Jleeb
Mera Haq (Hindi)

Ahmad Drive-In
Ya Sadeeqi Kam Tasawi (Arabic)

FRIDAY

Al Jahra
Rage of Honour
Granada

Turkeeb (Hindi)
Sulabikhat
Hundra

Al Jleeb
Marthe Dam Tak (Hindi)

PRAYERS

Fajr 5.20 am
Zuhr 11.57
Asr 2.52 pm
Maghreb 5.11
Isha 6.33

FRIDAY

Fajr 5.20 am
Friday Prayer 11.58
Asr 2.53 pm
Maghreb 5.12
Isha 6.33

WHAT'S ON

THEATRE

KLT-Auditions
Auditions for KLT's spring production *The Crucible* will be held at 6 pm on January 16 (Saturday). There are several excellent roles. Anyone who is interested should contact Tel: 3904025.

KLT - Comedy
The next production at KLT is a comedy *Say Who You Are*, directed by Steve Prescott. The gala performance is at 7 pm on Feb 1. Repeat performances are at 7.30 pm on Feb 2, 3, and 4. Tickets - KD3. For reservations contact 3947651. Tickets must be collected from the Box Office two days before the performance date.

SOCIAL

Winter Serenade
The Kuwait Players Winter Serenade will feature haute cuisine, music, sparkling and show stoppers, nostalgic ballads, moody blues, and celebrated classics performed by Ross, Jenny, Lynley, Reem, Rosie and Carol. Directed by Peter Godfrey. Ross Langhorne and Glenis Muckle. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Meridian Hotel, on Feb 1, 2, and 3. Feb 4 Gala Dinner and show at 7.30 pm. For details ring 2656265; 5334695 or 5730641.

Kuwait Singers
Rehearsals for the May concert will begin on Monday, Jan 18, 7.30 pm in the Sunshine School. Salwa and will be held every Saturday and Monday. New members welcome. Tel: 5331413.

Konkani Drama
The New G.O.A. presents Freddy J. D'Costa's play *Khata Pita Dev Dita* on Jan 14 (5 pm) Jan 15 (3 pm) and *Utt Goykara* on Jan 17 (3 pm). The troupe from Goa, including Jacinto Vaz, will perform at the new Indian Arts Circle hall in Finatites. Transport available from city. For reservations contact the Raja Stores.

Ladies Tea Party
A saree fashion show will be held at the International Ladies Tea Party on Jan 20 (Wednesday) from 4.30 pm at the Kuwait Plaza Hotel. For details phone 5317390.

Piano Concert
German pianist Wolfran Lorenzen will give a recital on Jan 19 (8 pm) in the Grand Ballroom of the Kuwait Hilton. He will play works by Ravel, Schumann, Liszt and Chopin. For further details contact the hotel.

Kuwait Caledonians
Kuwait Caledonians will hold Burns Night at 7.30 pm on Jan 28 at Messilah Beach Hotel. Guest speaker will be Bob Crempsey. For details phone 5610673.

Neelam Ghar
Neelam Ghar, a quiz show, will be held on Jan 22 at Carlton Tower Hotel. Admission by invitation only. For details phone Zulfikar or Anes - 4814733; 2427388; 2445324 or Haroon Sayeed - 5659336.

Sargam Music Show
Sargam, a local group, will hold a music show at Messilah Beach Hotel at 6.30 pm on Feb 3. A selection of popular Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and English songs will be presented. Entertainment also includes fire dance, lava dance and a magic show. For details phone 3260455, 7 am to 3 pm.

Japan Week
Jan 21: Kite flying competition, from 9 am to 1 pm, at the Science Club.

The following events will be held at the Hilton Hotel:
Jan 22: children's exhibition, also featuring award winning art works by Kuwaiti children, on loan from the 1987 International Art Exhibition held in Yokohama. Open from 4 to 9 pm on Jan 22. From Jan 23 to 25, open from 9 am to 1 pm and 4 to 9 pm.

Jan. 23: seminar on Japanese education 9 am to 1 pm; Ikebana School - 11 am to 1 pm; Piano concert by Cairo-based pianist Junko Nakayama.

Jan. 24: Ikebana School, 11 am to 1 pm; martial arts and tea ceremony.

Seven films will be shown during the Week in the Hilton's Terrace Room. All films are in Japanese with Arabic subtitles.
Jan. 22: 4 pm, Snow Fairy; 7 pm, the Makiooka Sisters.
Jan. 23: 4 pm, The Dragon Boy; 7 pm, Sanjuri, directed by Kurosawa.
Jan. 24: 4 pm, The Yamashita Story (Judo story); 7 pm The Longest Tunnel.
Jan. 25: Tora San's Forbidden Love, a comedy, 7 pm.

A seminar on Japanese business will be held on Feb 3 at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Building from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm.

A token admission fee will be charged for some events. For further details, and confirmation of schedule, contact Tel: 2518155-2518440 or the Japanese Society - 2533000 ext. 1156.

Kala Kairali
Kala Kairali, a cultural group, will hold art and dance competitions during the "Arts

Festival '88" in April and May, details will be announced later. A committee comprising P.J. Jacob and George Thomas Kelutharayil has been formed to organise the festival.

HOTELS

At the Ramada Al Salam
Daily lunch, chef's special, and dinner buffet at Coffee Shop; from Sunday to Friday, steak and seafood specialties featured for dinner at El Mersa Restaurant, open from 7 pm to 1.30 am. Family brunch on Fridays from 12 noon to 3 pm. Highlights will be magician, painting competition, games and ship's discovery tour.

At the Continental
Gardenia offers food and beverage service on the Terrace. Daily dinner buffet and on Fridays, lunch buffet with charcoal grilled specialties. Darbar features daily lunch buffet and a la carte for dinner.

At the Sheraton
Arab World specialties featured for dinner buffet features Le Tarbouche on Thursdays.

Enjoy Lebanese cuisine for lunch and dinner, buffet, on Friday. Al Hamba offers lunch and dinner buffet on Fridays in the Al Hamba rooftop restaurant from 11 am to 4 pm.

At the Holiday Inn
Businessman's lunch buffet featuring three main course dishes, salads and sweets buffet; tea/coffee, offered daily at Al Dana Restaurant. Friday brunch and fun-time for the family from 11 am to 3 pm in Al Dana Restaurant.

At the Meridian
Enjoy an evening of foot-tapping fun every Thursday at Remy and Tony's jam sessions in La Brasserie. Fresh seafood buffet features a range of exotic and classic, local and international dishes. Bring along your musical instrument to join the fun. There is family fun on Fridays in La Brasserie. Live music, video cartoons, water games, magician, free balloons; Friday is fiesta day for parents and children.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
10.00 Fi Rihab Tarbiya: an educational programme presented by Jassim Al Gharreb.
11.00 Songs
11.30 Islam Wal Insaan: "Islam and Man", religious programme, hosted by Dr Abdul Suboor Al Shaheen.
12.00 Ma Da'a Wa Anhaman Min Akhbar Jahan: Arabic serial, part two; starring Sheza Salem, Khalil Rifai, Mohammad Husain Abdul Rahim.
1.00 News Summary
1.20 World News via Satellite
2.00 Liqa Al Khamis: roundup of local events
3.30 Hakim Al Aqzam: cartoons
4.00 News Summary
4.40 Persuaders: featuring Roger Moore
5.30 Maktabat Ala Wa Hina: children's programme
6.00 Alwan: presented by Rasha Magdi
7.00 News Summary
7.05 Show Jumping
7.30 Rahlal Fi Alam Majnoon: Arabic serial. Starring: Issad Yunus, Ala Rami, Hassan Mustafa, Hussein Sharbini
8.30 With Islam: hosted by Dr Khalid Al Madhkur
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 From People's Art
10.25 Dahiyat Hub: Arabic feature film starring Libliba, Mahmoud Masoud, Faeza Kamal, Sabri Abdul Munim. A film of marital strife.
12.00 Late Night Variety Show: hosted by Rasha Magdi.

KTV 2

1.30 News Summary
1.35 World News via Satellite
2.15 Holy Quran/Closedown
FRIDAY
9.00 Holy Quran
9.30 Children's Magazine
10.00 News Summary
10.00 World News via Satellite
10.20 Hikayat Min Alam: Stories from Around the World.
11.00 Ayyu Al Islam Afdal: religious serial.
1.00 News Summary
1.20 World News via Satellite
2.00 Preview of next week's programme on KTV
2.30 Hadith Deeni: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli Sharawi.



Rags to Riches is a musical drama series about millionaire Nick Foley (Joseph Bologna) and his adopted daughters, on KTV 2 tonight.

3.15 INTERVAL
4.00 Sports
4.15 Football: live from Muscat, Kuwait vs Iraq: qualifier for 1988 Olympics.
6.15 Kuwait in a Week
7.00 News Summary
7.10 Kul al Funoon: hosted by Rasha Magdi.
7.45 Weekly Discussion
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Wrestling
10.45 Qulub Eind Al Marafiq: ep.2, Arabic play featuring Maryam Al Saleh, Huda Hussain, Ibrahim Al Harbi. A social series on the role of the family in Kuwait and Bahrain.
11.50 News Summary
11.55 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

health, so are all the members of the family.
10.00 Paul Daniels Magic Show
10.30 Late Night Movie: Force 10 From Navarone. Based on Alistair MacLean. Starring Guy Hamilton, Franco Nero, Robert Shaw.
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

FRIDAY

3.00 Holy Quran
3.10 Sports Studio: roundup of world and local sporting events.
6.00 She Ra - Princess of Power: cartoons.
6.30 Airwolf: "Salvage". Espionage and counter-espionage is the theme of this episode.
7.30 Spitting Image
8.00 News in English
8.40 Breaking Away
9.05 Matlock: the lawyer solves another interesting case.
9.30 Weekend: local programme
10.00 What A Country: the new teacher refuses a request to install an AC unit but promptly hires a beautiful girl. The students are not too happy.
10.30 Crime Story: "Torello on Trial".
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

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Thought for today

MUSIC is the universal language of mankind — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, US poet (1807-1882).

US military personnel in Philippines

Killings at Clark alter lifestyle

By Kathleen Callo

MANILA. (Reuters): Attacks by communists and threats of more in 1988 have changed the lives of many US military personnel and civilians in the Philippines who are used to seeing the country as a second home.

Military and other sources have said a recent renewed threat by the Communist Party to strike at US personnel it alleges are involved in the Philippine anti-insurgency war would likely fuel growing American fears over safety.

The Communist Party newspaper Ang Bayan has said the killing of three US servicemen outside Clark Air Base north of Manila last October had been a "correct and timely response" to alleged increased involvement in the Philippine affairs.

An air base spokesman said in an interview: "The killings at Clark really altered life (for US military personnel)." **Unsafe**

She said the Oct 28 shootings and subsequent threats had led US officials virtually to seal off the base to non-military personnel and to restrict off-base travel by American servicemen and women.

She said that in the last two months some military people had requested transfers back to the United States before the end of their contracts, and that newcomers were being advised of the risks of a Philippines posting.

"People understand before they come now it's not all fun and games. We can't completely guarantee anyone's safety," she said by telephone.

Despite the problems, the American Ambassador to Manila, Nicholas Platt, recently urged American businessmen to invest in the Philippines, saying reports of instability were being blown out of proportion.

One American working in Manila said reports of violence in the country were unnecessarily frightening friends and family back home, many of whom had cancelled scheduled Christmas visits to the Philippines.

"They think we're living in a war zone, but of course we're not," he said.

Iowa test for Hart

By Michael Gelb

DES MOINES, Iowa. (Reuters): Gary Hart leads the opinion polls for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination as the farming state Iowa heads for the first voting test of the 1988 election, but the experts — and Hart — say the polls are wrong.

A variety of opinion polls show Hart, back in the race after seven months on the sidelines because of a sex scandal, leading the Democratic field with support from about 30 per cent of Iowa Democrats.

But Iowa's system of caucuses — selecting delegates at local party meetings to nominate presidential candidates — has few political strategists thinking Hart can do nearly that well in the Feb 8 voting.

Among the scoffers is Hart himself. He says the caucus system, which tends to be dominated by party activists, is tailored for candidates with strong organisations.

Superficial The former Colorado senator has spent only two days campaigning here since he returned to the race in mid-December. He has little money and almost no staff.

Hart recently dismissed the polls as "superficial barometers" and said Iowa "requires the kind of organisational commitment we simply cannot make compared to the other candidates."

Illinois Senator Paul Simon, tipped as the man to beat here, has more than 100 full-time staff workers in the field. So do Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis and Missouri Representative Richard Gephardt.

Unrealistic Hart does not even have a headquarters.

Most Democratic Party insiders here hesitate to dismiss Hart out of hand — "he's been here a million times and he's got some friends," says the party's state chairman Bonnie Campbell. But they think the opinion

US soldiers and sailors have traditionally described the former American colony as a favourite "rest and relaxation" spot, with friendly English-speaking locals, American-style music and prime scuba diving spots along tropical coasts.

But the almost 16,000 servicemen and women based at Clark and the nearby Subic Bay Naval Base, Washington's two biggest overseas bases, no longer enjoy the freedom they were used to.

Movement for servicemen and women is limited now to travel between home and office, to US military facilities and surrounding areas considered safe, officials said.

They are told to travel out of uniform, even when on official business, and have to get special clearance to have non-military visitors enter the bases.

Referring to mounting opposition to other US bases around the world, the spokeswoman said: "It's happening everywhere, in Spain, Greece, Turkey. People are just learning to live with it."

Precaution Until the Clark killings, communist rebels had described their main targets as Philippine military and police.

They have since then threatened US embassy and other civilians as well as the military. Embassy officials said the threats were being taken seriously and that American citizens were advised to "be aware" and exercise caution.

Many American and other Western diplomats and businessmen in Manila say they have started taking precautionary measures against attacks, including leaving home at different times each day and taking different routes to the office.

One American diplomat said recently: "Every time I hear a motor bike coming up behind me, I get nervous." Communist hit-squads often ride up to their victims on small motorcycles before striking.

The Clark spokeswoman said there was no indication when restrictions for military personnel might be lifted and that many were resigning themselves to the new arrangement.

Shocking show of apathy

SIR: The most amazing statistic to emerge from Arab Times TV Opinion Poll was that only 388 people bothered to fill it in. What a shocking show of apathy.

This was a chance for us to show KTV 2 what we really thought about them. Why didn't more people respond? No wonder KTV 2 have got away with it for so long. If most of the audience don't care about the quality of television that comes into their home, then why should they?

But to give credit where it's due, the New Year schedule of KTV 2 is a slight improvement. Let us hope it now continues to improve.

G. Halder, Ahmadi

Interesting suggestion

SIR: The results of the Opinion Poll on KTV 2 bear out what most of us have long felt: the service is pretty awful. As it is likely that little or nothing will be done to improve it in our lifetime, may I make a suggestion to viewers of this wretched service. When you're watching turn the sound down and play your favourite piece of music or your favourite song. It can be

magic! Try it. It may enhance your enjoyment.

For example, during the 8 pm News I find the Eurythmics' Be Yourself Tonight album particularly gratifying. Tracks like "Would I lie to you", "Sisters are doing it for themselves" and "It's all right (Baby's coming back)" are strangely suitable. For the more serious viewer, a Chopin waltz, will serve adequately. For late night viewing there's nothing to beat Mahler's Symphony No 7. It's so bleak. Intelligent viewers will soon discover what suits him best. It's worth giving a try and it really enhances your viewing and listening pleasure.

Paul Wilson, Salmiya.

Decision to raise fees improper

SIR: I sincerely hope the Education Ministry does not implement its decision to raise the fees of non-Arab private schools by five per cent.

Many schools, like the American and English, are already charging exorbitant fees. In view of the present economic situation, a move should be made to reduce fees.

Parents and students feel that private schools are not delivering the goods. Education has become a big business with a handful of school owners raking in big money at the

expense of thousands of parents. A further increase of five per cent will only aggravate the situation.

Instead, a case-by-case study should be carried out at all private schools and fees should be increased or decreased after considering all aspects in each case. A sweeping increase is not fair or wise.

Education is necessary. If fees continue to rise it will become a luxury which many parents will not be able to afford for their children.

A distressed parent, (Name and address supplied).

Scrutinise lawyers

SIR: This refers to an article "Lawyers standard high" (AT, 27/12/87) in your newspaper. I have been told by a noted criminologist that Kuwait's judicial system is highly respected in the world. I believe him.

I have a court case in Kuwait, pending for the past four years. The delay, it seems, was due to mishandling of the case by my former legal representative. Due to his inaction the case was being heard once every three months with constant postponements.

Then, I wrote to the Minister of Justice and immediate action

was taken. I believe the government of Kuwait would like to know, and is entitled to know, about the mishandling of any case. How would they know if they are not informed?

I would like to make a suggestion: to avoid needless delays by a lawyer, the Ministry of Justice can establish guidelines or a panel of honest law enforcers to review cases which have been pending for over a number of years. Such a panel could evaluate a lawyer's efficiency in managing a case. The work of lawyers must be scrutinised. After all, we all seek justice.

A reader, (Name and address supplied).

Hooliganism at Salmiya

SIR: Of late some Arab youngsters — mostly teenagers — have started behaving like hooligans in the Salmiya Shopping Centre.

There used to be at least one police car parked in the middle of the shopping lanes and policemen patrolled between the Mercedes showroom and the Family Bookshop. Now, policemen are not posted there and the teenagers have full freedom. They shout like animals, pass comments and tease practically every girl who

is not accompanied by a man. This projects an extremely uncivilised and poor image of Arab youth. I hope authorities will take notice and stop hooliganism before it becomes a habit.

John Smart, Salmiya.

A filthy lavatory

SIR: The public lavatory at the KPTC Murgab bus stand is terrible. The stench is unbearable. The lavatory is never cleaned. Wash basins are broken and are in a perpetual state of disrepair. The toilets are flooded with filth. It is terrible to see such dirt and filth in the midst of a beautiful city like Kuwait. The unhygienic condition at the lavatory poses a health hazard for civilians. I appeal to the authorities to look into the matter.

Y.G. Sesha Reddy, Safat

Revealing

SIR: This refers to a letter "Irregularities at Indian School" (AT, Dec 31, 87/Jan 1, 88). Kudos for revealing the atrocities done in the name of private schools.

The part about Indian School is true. But a paragraph alludes to the "visa racket and its victims", apparently referring to "the school run by two



Indians". Please don't blame only one school. A parent, (Name and Address supplied).

Rude gesture

SIR: A photograph of a two-hour-old baby appeared on Page 3 of the Arab Times (Jan 10).

The "V" for victory sign is normally made with the palm of the hand forward. The V-sign made with the hand the other way round is an extremely rude gesture.

K. Sloan, Al Ras.

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Because we are still fighting, we are winning: mujahedeen

Afghanistan: Moscow's Vietnam

By Edward Girardet

PESHAWAR, Pakistan: "Our war against the Russians has never been a matter of winning or losing on the battlefield. It is a matter of who can hold out longest against the other," comments Brig. Rahmatullah Safi, a veteran resistance commander.

The burly former Afghan Army colonel, who now runs a guerrilla training camp at the base of a rocky hill northwest of Peshawar, pauses for emphasis. "But our struggle in Afghanistan is also a classic guerrilla war. And because we are still fighting, we are winning."

The Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, which entered its ninth year last month, has never been an easy conflict to assess. Consistent, reliable information from inside the country has always been difficult to obtain. And, with two foreign journalists reportedly killed in October, Afghanistan has become a much more dangerous war to cover.

On the surface, the conflict remains a bloody stalemate. Few analysts see any possibility of a military solution. The Soviets have failed to crush the resistance. Yet there is little the mujahedeen (resistance fighters) can do should the Soviets decide to pursue a limited war of containment, entrenching themselves in the cities and their main countryside bases.

Negotiation In the end, most observers agree, only a diplomatic or political settlement can resolve a conflict that has already devastated much of that beautiful, rugged land and inflicted untold trauma on its staunchly independent people.

Current estimates hold that a million or more Afghans have died as a direct result of the war. Some five million civilians, almost a third of the country's pre-war population, have fled to Pakistan, Iran, and elsewhere.

The single largest refugee population in the world. Between two and three million Afghans still within the country have migrated

to the largely Soviet-controlled cities to escape the fighting, or sought protection in "liberated zones" held by the guerrillas.

One significant trend has emerged in the past year of fighting: The mujahedeen for the first time appear to be forcing the Soviets to seriously reconsider their commitment to what many observers now regard as "Moscow's Vietnam."

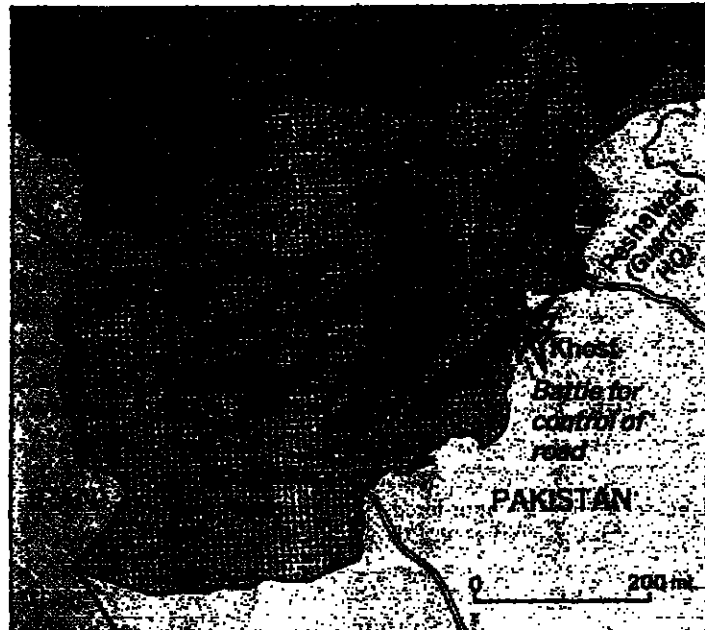
"There is no doubt that the mujahedeen are in a much stronger position today than ever before," said a Western diplomat in Islamabad, Pakistan. "Their fighting capabilities have vastly improved and morale has never been higher."

According to diplomats, military analysts, guerrilla commanders, foreign aid workers, and independent observers recently in Afghanistan, the most evident if not dramatic development has been the high toll of Soviet and Afghan government aircraft shot down by the mujahedeen. Improved anti-aircraft defence systems, such as the US-made Stinger missile, have not only pressured the Soviets into modifying tactics, but have enabled some Afghan civilians to return to their villages.

Difficulties However, the mujahedeen still suffer from problems that have dogged them in the past.

For one, many of their good commanders have been killed and have proved hard to replace. Rivalry and corruption persists among the Afghan political parties based in Peshawar. While field cooperation inside Afghanistan has definitely improved, clashes between certain commanders of the fundamentalist Hezb-e-Islami (Hekmatyar Gulbuddin faction) and other groups continue to undermine the mujahedeen's jihad (holy war).

In recent years, the political alliance has lost much credibility and respect among Afghans. United States policy requires that all its aid — an estimated \$715 million of military and humanitarian assistance in fiscal year 1987 — be channelled through the Peshawar-based



In a recent major battle the Soviets broke a siege of Khost by mujahedeen.

parties. The US programme, particularly the cross-border relief operation run by the Agency for International Development, is criticised for lacking coherence, direction, and effectiveness.

West European relief coordinators and certain US officials also maintain that much of the aid is not reaching those for whom it is intended and that the alliance does not represent the resistance as a whole. To be effective, many observers here feel, the aid should go directly to resistance commanders on the inside who have proved themselves.

There have long been signs of major resistance fronts developing in the north and the west. Recently, about 700 to 800 commanders from different parties met in Ghor Province at the behest of Jamiat-e-Islami's Ismail Khan, a leading guerrilla chief from Herat, to discuss establishment of regional council, or shura.

Muhammad Eshaq, a political officer of the Jamiat-e-Islami, says, "Many mujahedeen are realising that if they join forces, they can do well. If this pattern of

war becomes more widely accepted other parts of the country, the Soviets will find themselves with a big problem on their hands."

Publicly, most of the Peshawar parties say such developments are good. Yet they view them with concern because of the challenge that men like Khan may eventually present to their own authority. But better coordination has resulted in some impressive resistance operations. The past 12 months have seen the fall of several strategic Afghan-Soviet garrisons, notably Nahrin, Farkar, Kalafgan, and Kerun in the north.

Another important trend of the past two or three years has been the increased politicisation of the mujahedeen. A growing proportion of the 1,000 to 1,500 resistance commanders are realising that combating the Soviets must be a social and economic affair, too. With the help of foreign aid organisations, they have established hundreds of health centres, schools, and agricultural projects in "liberated areas" inside Afghanistan.

"For years, the Soviets have

condemned the mujahedeen for being reactionary and against things like education... (and) have tried to attract people to their side by offering all kinds of benefits," says Anders Fange of the Swedish Committee in Peshawar. "But the resistance has now understood that it must offer more than just war. They must do something for the civilians if they want to keep their support."

Most observers remain uncertain as to how the Soviets will react to such changes. Already, Soviet-Afghan agents have stepped up subversion in Pakistan. Bombs, widely believed to have been placed by agents of Khad (the Afghan secret service), and going off every two or three days, have killed between 250 to 300 people.

But the war itself is not going too well for the Soviet-backed regime. The Afghan Army, varying in strength between 35,000 and 50,000 because of defections, remains unreliable. Soviet troop morale, too, is low. The Red Army has had to take more of the brunt of the fighting and is suffering higher casualties. Military analysts and guerrilla commanders say the only really effective anti-insurgent operations are those by professional units such as airborne and special forces.

Most indications suggest that the Kabul regime led by Najibullah, former head of Khad, has found only dismal support for its heralded "national reconciliation" programme and unilateral ceasefire launched last January. The ruling (communist) People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) has said it is willing to accept a coalition government, but insists on retaining a dominant role. This is considered unacceptable by resistance leaders, who say they will only negotiate with the Soviets.

"Who are these people to even dare think that can offer us a cease-fire? Without the Russians, they are nothing," was one commander's dismissive retort.

Long divided by internecine strife, the Kabul party has been split further by fear of Soviet withdrawal. Frustrated by Kabul's lack of success, the Soviets are reportedly considering dropping Najib in favour of a new leader. Observers say Moscow feels a "new deal" coalition government may appeal more to a broader spectrum of the Afghan population. But it seems doubtful anyone affiliated with

the PDPA would win much support.

Earlier this year, the Soviets hoped to persuade deposed King Zahir Shah to become part of a new political settlement. The ex-monarch refused to act without the backing of the resistance. Despite opposition to his return by fundamentalist parties in Peshawar, many observers see Zahir Shah, at present living in Rome, as the only Afghan public figure with the necessary nationwide support to head a transitional government that could oversee Soviet withdrawal and free elections.

Fate Reports from Kabul say there are already signs of the sort of chaos that occurred when the US began moving toward a pullout from Vietnam. Communist party stalwarts, estimated at 6,000 hardliners with another 20,000 "collaborators," are known to be particularly anxious about what might happen if the Soviets leave.

Some supporters have taken steps to flee to Europe and north America. Hard-currency dealers report heavy buying of dollars in recent months, while other sources say safe-passage deals are being negotiated with resistance groups in exchange for cash, weapons, or favours such as the release of jailed relatives.

The principal question now facing the Soviet Union is whether it is prepared, and able, to abandon occupation for a settlement acceptable to the majority of the Afghan people or whether it intends to continue its military involvement.

Numerous scenarios abound. Most observers consider it unlikely the Soviets, who have suffered between 50,000 to 40,000 casualties (dead and wounded), will want to escalate their commitment. It now stands at 118,000 to 120,000 occupation troops. Another 40,000 to 50,000 are based inside Soviet Central Asia but are regularly deployed across the border in Afghanistan. Western intelligence sources say.

But the Kremlin has other possibilities. Pessimists note that even with the mujahedeen's improved effectiveness, there is still no need to pull out. "The Soviet generals will need a lot of persuading to abandon their bases at Shind and/or Bagran with all the investment they put in," says a Western diplomat in Islamabad.

The Christian Science Monitor.

Wars in Central America heating up

By Bernd Debusmann

MEXICO CITY. (Reuters): Central America's guerrilla wars are heating up and official casualty figures illustrate the extent of the killing which a floundering regional peace plan is trying to stop.

Since the plan was signed last August, an upsurge in fighting has been reported in the region's three civil wars — in Salvador, Nicaragua, and Guatemala — and ceasefire talks have collapsed.

Deadlines The plan, which won Costa Rican President Oscar Arias the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize, had raised hopes that an end to Central America's civil wars was finally in sight.

But, five months after the signing in Guatemala City, hope has given way to pessimism. Even some of the region's chief protagonists have tempered their earlier euphoria with caution.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega predicted in a New Year's message that 1988 would be another year of war in a conflict that has already cost 47,000 lives. "Being a realist, I think next

year there will continue to be clashes and combat with the mercenary forces..." he said.

In Honduras, Foreign Minister Carlos Lopez said the plan had set unrealistic deadlines and not even begun to achieve its aims.

The plan provided for ceasefires, amnesties, an end to outside support for guerrilla forces, a ban on the use of one country's territory to attack another, democratic reforms and repatriation of refugees.

Under the timetable set in Guatemala, the five presidents who signed the accord are due to meet on Jan 15 to review progress. They are likely to make optimistic declarations about all sides' commitment to the plan.

But statistics underscore the difficulties to be overcome. **Offensive** The Nicaraguan defence ministry said 7,304 people died last year in fighting between government troops and US-backed Contra rebels. This was the highest annual figures since the war began six years ago.

In El Salvador, officials said fighting between left-wing guerrillas and the US-backed government left at least 1,500

dead and 2,700 wounded last year. The total was slightly lower than in 1986. But Chief of Staff Adolfo Blandon said Army casualties had been higher.

The Salvadoran armed forces launched a major offensive after the signing of the peace pact, as did the Contras and the Guatemalan Army.

In Guatemala, no casualty statistics were reported but both government and rebels said the war's tempo had picked up. The first direct talks between the two sides in 27 years broke down without prospect of resumption.

Flawed "As far as the fighting is concerned, the Guatemala accord has been a dismal failure," said a Latin American diplomat. "And progress in other areas has been limited, to say the least."

Besides failing to stop the bloodshed, few of the plan's other provisions have been fully implemented. Limited amnesties have been rejected and, in Nicaragua, moves toward democracy have fallen short of the opposition's demands. Neighbouring Honduras continues to allow Contras to operate from its territory.

President Reagan has called the plan "fatally flawed" and the Contras' backers in Washington have asked for more aid.

The Reagan administration blames Ortega's left-wing Nicaraguan Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) for the peace plan's lack of success.

The steps that were called for by the Guatemala City agreement have not been put into place (by Nicaragua) and that's what's necessary," US Secretary of State George Shultz has said. European and Latin American diplomats say El Salvador and Guatemala have also been unwilling to make concessions necessary for truce talks.

The governments of both countries insist the rebels lay down arms as a prerequisite for ceasefire talks. But the guerrillas say this would be tantamount to surrender.

In Nicaragua, where a state of emergency remains in force, Contras have said they will not accept new deadlines for full compliance with the plan. The Sandinistas refuse to lift the emergency as long as the United States supplies weapons to the rebels.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1784 — United States ratifies peace treaty with England, formally ending American war of independence.
- 1809 — England and Spain form alliance against Napoleon Bonaparte.
- 1814 — Denmark regains lost territories, except Heligoland, in separate treaty with Britain.
- 1858 — Felice Orsini's plot to assassinate Napoleon III is uncovered.
- 1867 — Peru declares war on Spain.
- 1907 — Earthquake in Jamaica destroys Kingston and takes 1,000 lives.
- 1918 — France's former Premier Joseph Caillaux is arrested for treason.
- 1942 — Forces under US General Douglas MacArthur resist Japanese attacks on Batjan in Philippines in World War II.
- 1950 — Mohammed Said forms Iranian government; United States recalls all consular personnel from China.
- 1962 — At least 36 Algerians and Europeans are killed in disorders and terrorist attacks in Algeria's major cities.
- 1966 — Indonesia closes its mission at United Nations as it prepares to withdraw from the world organisation.
- 1966 — Vinicio Carazo is sworn in as Guatemala's first civilian president in 16 years.

Same set of half a dozen stories recycled again and again

Bankruptcy of ideas plagues Hindi cinema

By Firoze Rangoonwala

THERE is a crisis in the Hindi film industry and that is of good writing. Everything else is there in plenty, the resources, technical aids, stars, music creators, image makers, spectacle wizzes and what not. But there is a terrible shortage of good new stories and screenplays.

The crisis is a making of the industry which either rejects or scares away real writers. Even the words "original" or "serious" are like poison to producers. When some of them do take up the works of famous authors, they make such a mess that literary people prefer to keep miles away from films.

But if a writer tells a producer that the story is from a successful foreign film, seen on video, or even from an old Indian hit, he at once jumps at it.

The result is that the same set of half a dozen stories are recycled again and again. Nowhere in the world does an audience accept the same story in so many films. If you have seen one of them, you have seen a hundred. This is the case even in big star films where the budget easily crosses a crore of rupees.

A quick glance at the stories of three up-coming films shows that our film writers have given in to the easiest way of pinching or mixing, the formulas of action, revenge and traditional sentiment.

The first example is naturally that of a big film *Shahenshah* from which much is expected. Amitabh plays Vijay whose policeman-father arrests the driver of the villain Amrish Puri, when he runs over a poor child. But in the court the dead child's parents give false evidence and Vijay's father gets the rap. Unable to bear the insult, he hangs himself with a rope, which the child Vijay preserves. He also grows up to be a police inspector, but one who is tipsy and fun-loving, yet bent on revenge.

Swell

When he is transferred to Bombay his first encounter is with the villain Praveen Kumar who runs a gambling den and challenges him. Under the law, Vijay finds himself helpless. And so *Shahenshah* is born, who emerges every night wearing a silver wig, with one hand of metal and the other holding a hanging rope. He destroys the den totally and this scares the real owner Amrish and his henchmen Prem Chopra and Avtar Gill. During the day Vijay remains the simpliciton cop, who plays pranks, like inspecting a massage parlour and making friends with Meenakshi, who leads a fast life as a pickpocket.

Vijay has a swell time with a street gang (taken from TV's "Nukkad") as well as his girl, by singing songs, roaming in the parks and fooling her with disguises, like one of an orthodox Parsi. But the heroine



Dimple plays the vamp in *Patel Parmeshwar*

says she does not like the bumbling, cowardly Vijay and has real love only for the brave *Shahenshah* (remember "Superman", "Shiva Ka Insaaf", "Mr India", etc.). Vijay has an adopted sister (Supriya) who gets married to an honest journalist (Vijayendra). But the villain's gang kills the writer in cold blood. There is a lot of tear-shedding at the funeral and the song "Meri bahena" is repeated in its sad version.

Another reporter knowing the secret is also murdered. Now, *Shahenshah* spreads

terror at night among the city's criminals, (like Charles Bronson in "Death Wish" and Raj Babbar in "Aaj Ki Awaaz"). A veteran police officer (Pran) is set to catch him as well as Amrish. It all leads up to a court scene, like "Andha Kanoon", where the hero hangs the villain with the same rope by which his father had died. The story ends with a claim that there would be no further need for any Vijay to become a *Shahenshah*. Further comment on the story is superfluous.

With the censor policies and

rules being revised, due to severe complaints from members of Parliament, films showing an excess of lawlessness or violence may get into trouble and delay. Here again the big ones may go scot free while the small ones can get caught. One of them is *Hum Dahi Layee Hain* starring the famous TV pair Alok Nath and Anita Kanwar. Here, Anita and her cousin sisters, Sonica Gill and Prema Narayan, can't get married, as their brother Shekhar Suman, an ordinary policy inspector, cannot give dowry.

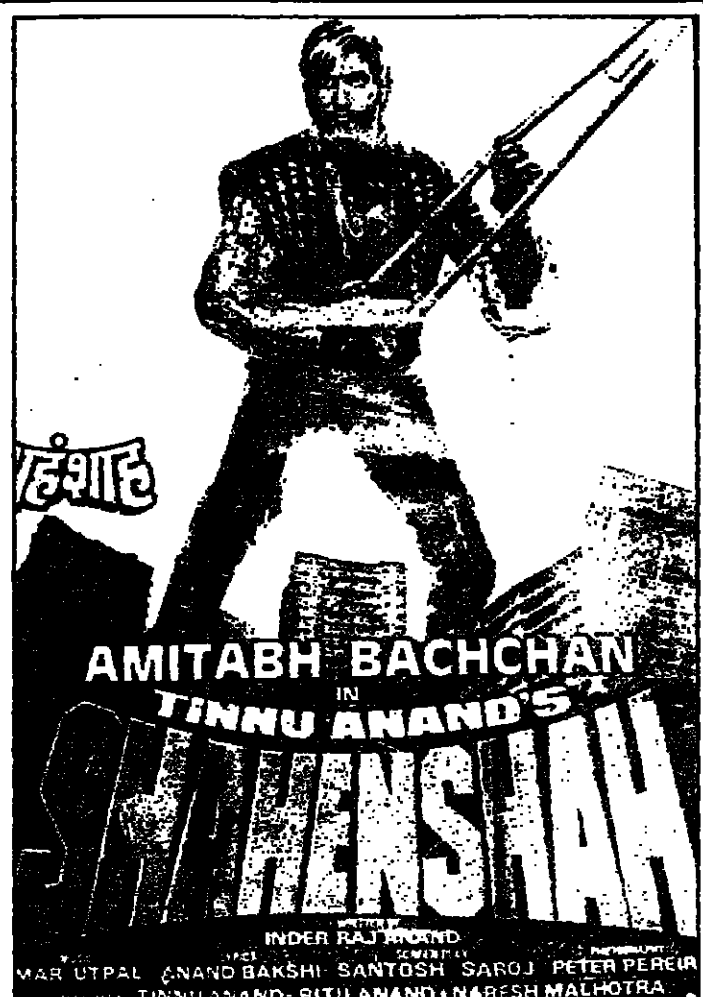
The villain, Sadashiv Amrapurkar runs a marriage agency and gets the girls married to brokers. But the brides run away on the marriage night, after killing their husbands.

In the jungle they meet a saint, Shashi Kapoor, who was once a dacoit. He gives them guns and bullets. The three start a tirade of kidnapping those who give or take dowry, so people get scared. Alok Nath, Grover, and Rakesh Bedi are three social workers, helping good causes, though they are the sons of the same villain Sadashiv. The three girls first kidnap the three boys and then dream of marrying them.

The villain's business goes downhill and he spreads the news that the three Amazons are killed. He is about to arrange a big profitable wedding, when the three female dacoits turn up as players in a brass band. When the villain arrests them, the jungle saint comes to their help. The evil men are destroyed but the girls also have to end their lives. Thus, burning social problems, like dowry and bride-killing are given a frivolous twist by the film. Its writer-director Ram Gopal is naive enough to suggest that the solution is for brides to become dacoits and kill.

Trouble

The third film *Patel Parmeshwar* which has had censor trouble already, on the grounds of denigrating women has Sudha Chandran (the actress with one artificial foot) as a devoted, old-fashioned wife of Shekhar Suman. The film depicts some traditional customs like the bride's father washing the groom's feet, as he would now be like an 'idol' for his daughter. Seeing this, she also vows to worship her husband. This



Much is expected from Tinnu Anand's *Shahenshah*

story goes to the other extreme of the bride suffering every type of humiliation. She is harassed, maltreated and nearly burnt. The husband carries on with temptress Dimple, who wants to settle an old score with him. The wife pleads to the goddess Durga who gives her a special power. Now she goes back to her husband and since he is paralysed, she even carries him around.

Her virtue ultimately wins the day. The husband is cured and becomes devoted to her for life. These kind of scenes have been seen in countless mythical and devotional films. The oppression and torture of the

heroine was shown aplenty in "Jai Santoshi Maa" which became a superhit. Other films have shown unfaithful husbands being cured of foul diseases and even brought back to life by dedicated wives. The message given by Producer R. K. Nayyar and Director Madan Joshi is that a woman should not leave her bad husband but stick patiently to him, considering him as "Patel Parmeshwar" and bringing him on the right path.

It is again a bankruptcy of ideas and themes among writers and so deserves to be cured at the creative rather than the censor level.

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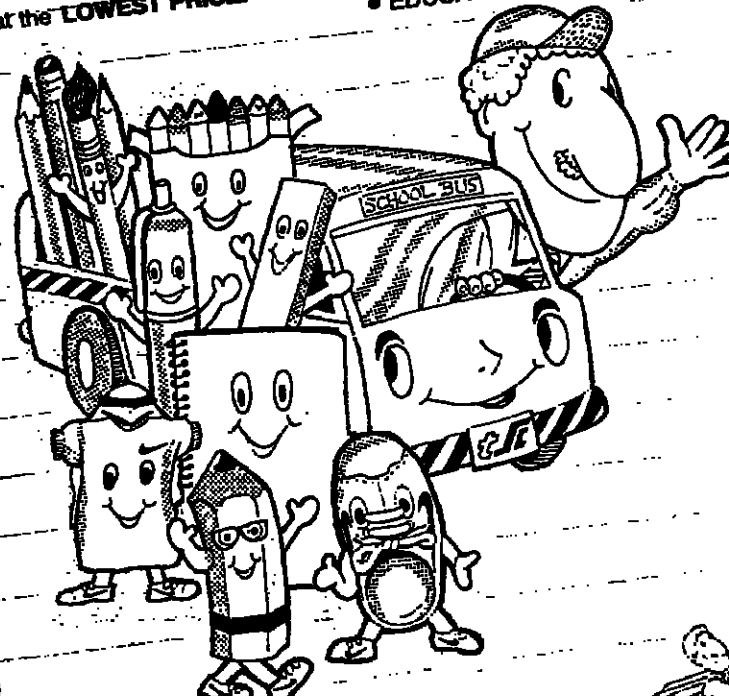
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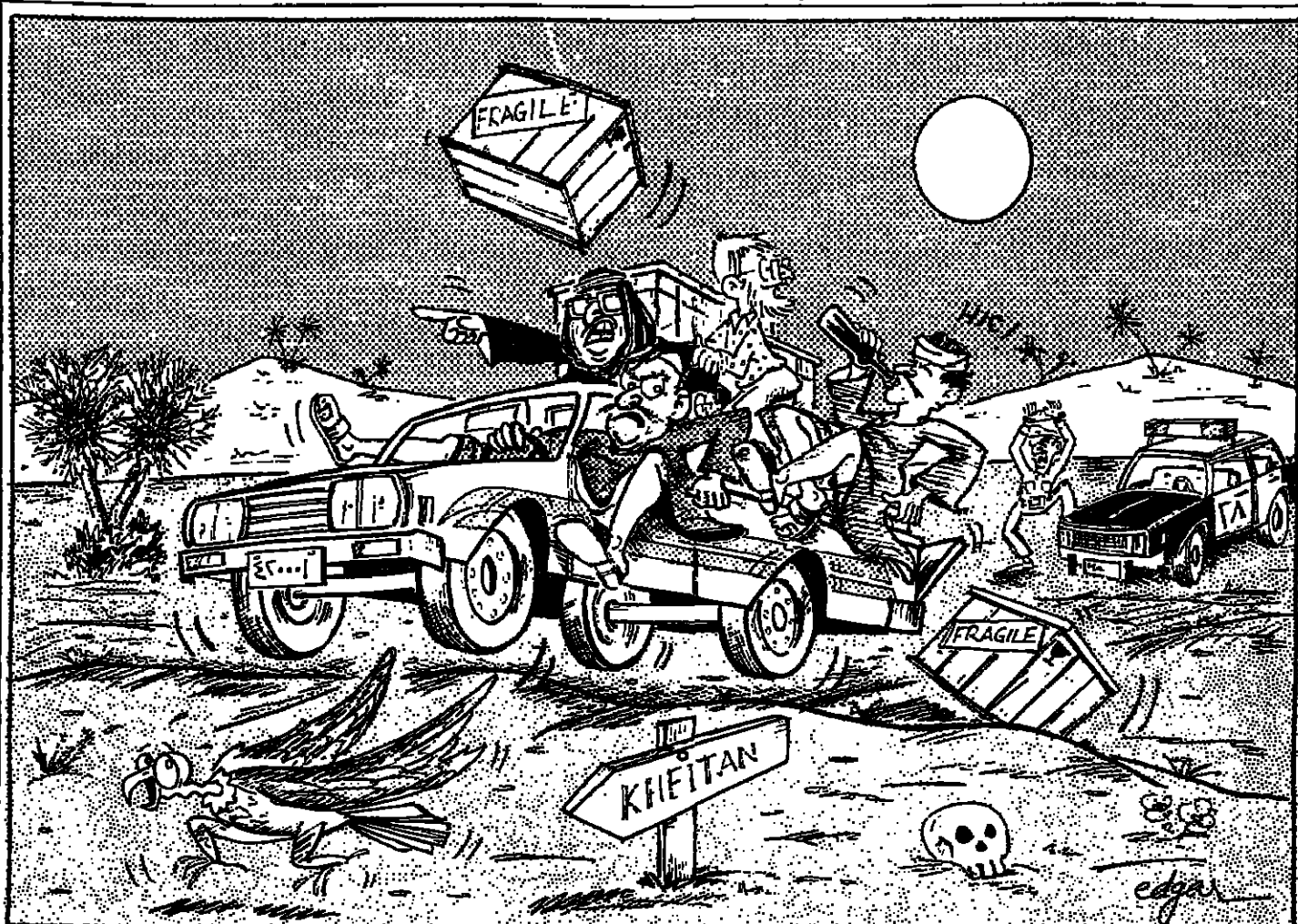
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By Keith Wells

I MET Ahmed Al Teeth, the gangster who heads Kuwait's Mafia, in a clip joint downtown. "Clip, clip" went the barber's scissors, but he was having a lot of trouble since Ahmed refused to take his head-dress off because he's embarrassed about the shape of his head, so the barber had to do the best he could.

"I just hate workin' under cover," muttered the barber unhappily.

"Hiya, Mr Keith, what's happenin'?" Ahmed greeted me. "Fancy coming downtown tonight to do a bit of sandal-legging?"

"Sandal-legging," I said, a bit puzzled. "Oh, you mean like bootlegging?"

"Who wears boots in Kuwait?" rasped Ahmed.

"Yes, I see what you mean, a bit too warm. But, er, isn't it illegal?"

"Sure, but who cares. This is the real stuff, one hundred and fifty cases of coke."

"Ahmed, for God's sake! You must be crazy?" the police?

"Hah, insha'allah," he retorted with great bravado just as the barber peeled back Ahmed's head-dress to run the clippers up the back of his neck.

"But cocaine! It's too dangerous," I gasped.

"Cocaine? Who said anything about cocaine?" replied Ahmed with a puzzled frown. "Listen, I said this was the real stuff, coca cola."

"Oh, I see, but that's illegal too, isn't it?"

"Yeah, but it ain't half as illegal as cocaine, lemme tell ya."

Yelped

He yelped a bit as the barber raised Ahmed's kuffiya and snipped away under the cloth. Unfortunately he took a few snips out of the head-dress at the same time, so when he had finished Ahmed had a sort of moth-eaten cheesecloth on his head with odd tufts of hair poking through here and there. He looked like a yak in lace.

Sandal-legging

We arranged to meet later that night and when I got to the rendezvous Ahmed was already waiting with his sidekick, Mohammed, the bartender with black and white teeth, like piano keys. "This is very exciting," I said. "Just like Al Capone."

"Al Capone? Who's he?" asked Ahmed. "Maybe I know him, what's his first name, Abdullah Al Capone? Feisal Al Capone? Are they a big family?"

"The biggest, or at least they used to be, back in Prohibition, when booze was illegal in the States."

"Illegal in the States?" gasped Ahmed. "Mr Keith, don't say things like that, you shatter my illusions."

"It was about fifty years ago."

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"What happened, how did it get legal again? Did some big family step in?"

"Sort of, it was how the Mafia got started."

"Mafia? Just like us, eh?" and Ahmed laughed like a machine gun, but he got jammed when an enormous figure loomed out of the shadows. Big Bedu, his deadliest rival.

"What you want?" Ahmed snarled.

Big Bedu grinned like an amiable killer whale. "Nothing much," he sneered. "I heard you got a load coming in tonight, me n' the boys thought we'd see if we could help out. There was a sudden scuffle in the darkness, curses, shouts and then Mohammed yelled, 'You dirty rat! He came out of the bushes holding the rat in his hand and a bottle of Fairy Liquid in the other, he

out. Ahmed stood up slowly then sidled forward. "You got it?" he hissed.

"Yeah, it's the real thing, insha'allah."

"Great. Hey, Big Bedu, long as you're here you can help unload the stuff into my vanette, but hurry!"

Dramatically

There was a lot of frenzied activity as we humped the cases from the truck across the desert to Ahmed's vanette. We were so busy we didn't notice the police car cruise quietly up beside us. Suddenly, it switched on its headlights and out jumped Abu Stumble, Kuwait's most famous gangbuster.

"Hands out!" he cried dramatically. "It's a bosom!"

"A what?" I yelped in sheer surprise.

to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help me God. And I'd like to make that retroactive."

Boris Yeltsin — "If I had to do glasnost all over again I'd drop all references to Mr Big."

Kurt Waldheim — "The only thing I did when I was an officer for the Third Reich was drive an ambulance distributing blood to Yugoslav partisans and candy to Greek children."

Pope John Paul II — "Mr Waldheim, I think you have the wrong Pope."

John McEnroe — "I believe in lining unruly tennis players because it gives the rest of us a chance to play the game the way gentlemen are supposed to play it."

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Ed Meese — "Some people prefer to attend football games. I'd rather appear before grand juries."

Mike Deaver — "I swear

Judge Ginsburg — "Freedom of speech doesn't give anyone the right to yell 'Grass!' in a crowded movie theatre."

Donald Trump — "I'm sick of my name and would change it to Hartpence tomorrow if it would help me sell condominiums."

Fawn Hall — "Ollie liked to see me shed confidential papers late at night, and that's why I never got married."

Mikhail Gorbachev — "The next time President Reagan wants me to explain the birthmark on top of my head I'm going to ask him what that stupid hearing aid is doing in his ear."

Ronald Reagan — "I don't like pardons, but what else can I do for a team player whose only crime was that he broke the law?"

Sen. Biden — "Plagiarism is a dirty business but somebody has to do it."

Judge Bork — "In answer to the question, Senator, I am only required to give my name, rank and serial number."

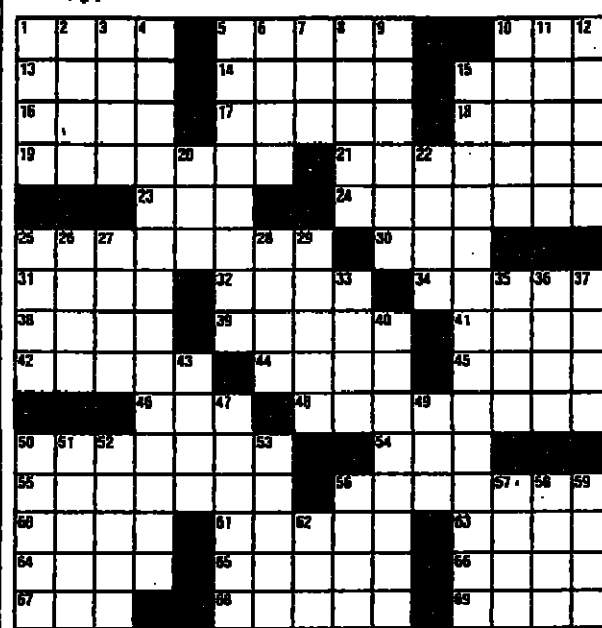
Admiral Poindexter — "This information is too important for me to make a decision by myself. I'm going to have to show it to the President, and let him take the heat."

Gary Hart — "Everybody is making such a big deal of me being on the Monkey Business when it went to Bimini. What if I told you I was seasick the entire time?"

Ivan Bocksy — "The only reason I dealt in inside information was to help the Hopi Indians."

Arizona Gov. Mecham — "I have been accused of

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Word with States or Stream
5 Spume
10 Material for an ed.
13 Part of HOMES
14 Debt money
15 — Morgana (mirage)
16 Pearl mosque city
17 Fragrant chemical compound
18 "I've Got — in Kalamazoo"
19 Thinks
21 Plowing surface
23 Uno, due...
24 Modern, ancient or medieval
25 Made foolish
30 Webster's org.
31 "— There"

32 In a dudgeon
34 Wading bird
38 Greek vowel
39 Coffee shops
41 Kind of cart
42 Like woodlands
44 Riefenstahl of German films
45 Green's call
46 Ventilator
48 Echoes
50 Wandered about on foot
54 Rocky formation
55 Some pitchers

do this
56 Choreographer
60 Gulf of —
61 Prefix with code or cept
63 — and terminer
64 Virginia of Virginia
65 Agave fiber
66 Samovars
67 Tolkien tree
68 Corundum
69 Surflet

DOWN
1 Apparatus
2 Solicit earnestly
3 Money in Milan
4 Years of plenty vs. years of draught
5 Maddened
6 Crooner
7 Choose
8 Molars
9 Valiant
10 Mr. — of cartoons
11 Tread and riser
12 Actress Field
15 With speed plus force
20 Morsel for Rover
22 Greek letters
25 Bring to a —
26 Cry of bacchanals
27 — trap
28 Of a period

29 Put off
33 Sandy stretch, in Devon
35 Symbol of strength
36 Western chum
37 Watches
40 Sororal
43 Bark
47 Edit
49 Dutch uncle
50 Word with wind or union
51 Fortification
52 At the ready
53 Cotton cloth
56 Letter opener
57 Vega's constellation
58 Fast period
59 Scottish Gaelic
62 "Wasteland" monogram

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:
KORE SHIMS SCUT
LOOP TARTOT EACH
MANIPULATE ALLIA
NASCENT ELYSIAN
ARTS LEIF
OCCELLI STANDOFF
GHO ENDOR SERIA
LOUDD GOLEM SNIT
ESAU'S VITAL ILE
RETRACED CAMAIS
ORCA PEBA
CARESSE IRONAGE
ANTIL UNSNARLING
REAL ASSET EILAM
OWLS LEASE VIETA

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

ARE YOU AWARE, SIRE, THAT NO ONE IN THE KINGDOM IS IN THE 50% TAX BRACKET?

YES, I KNOW...

IT'S MY WAY OF JOINING THE FIGHT AGAINST OBIT

By Johnny Hart

I RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE ALL FOOLISHNESS FROM MY LIFE.

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

GIVE ONE, GET ONE

North-south vulnerable. South East won the jack, but the club weakness was now safe from further attack. Declarer was eventually able to get one of dummy's clubs away on his spades, and ended up losing only three trump tricks.

Look what would have happened had West shot up with the king on the first trump lead. That seems to cost a trick, but watch how the play unfolds. West can now set up a club trick for his side by leading the suit, since East has a tenace over dummy. Now when East gains the lead with the ace of trumps, he first cashes a club to complete the defensive book and then continues with a fourth round of clubs. West's ten of trumps becomes re-established, en passant, as the setting trick.

If this defense had been found at the table, there would have been no need to look any further for the best defensive hand of the year.

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35/4	SMERG-WILL	26/1	26/1
26/4	SINGER CO	48/5	48/4
6/0	SMITH INT	6/0	6/1
13/2	SMITHK BEC	51/0	51/4
7/3	SOMY CP	38/0	37/7
27/2	SOURCE CAP	33/4	33/6
44/0	SOUTHERN	22/7	22/7
23/5	SPEERY CP	14/6	14/4
39/6	SQUARE D	48/6	49/0
1/1	SQUIBB	59/2	60/4
24/1	STALEY AE		
17/0	STERL DRUG	72/5	73/0
26/7	SUN CO INC	50/3	50/5
20/0	SUNDSTRAND	46/3	44/1
14/6	SUNSHINE M	4/1	4/2
4/0	SUPER VAL	18/2	18/0
6/2	SW AIRLINE	13/6	13/7
10/4	SW GAS	20/5	20/6
15/2	SUN BELL	34/1	34/2
3/1	TANDY CORP	32/4	32/7
23/7	TECO ENERG	22/6	22/5
15/0	TEKTRONIX	23/2	23/2
2/6	TELEDYNE	305/4	304/4
34/2	TELEX CORP	56/6	56/4
3/4	TERADYNE	13/4	13/5
12/0	TESORO PET	11/7	11/6
5/3	TEX AMER B	3/5	3/4
91/0	TEX EAS TR	23/2	23/0
42/4	TEXACO INC	38/6	39/2
40/2	TEXAS IND	30/0	30/0
68/4	TEXAS INST	49/6	50/2
16/6	TEXTRON	22/1	22/3
32/0	TIDEWATER	5/4	5/4
23/3	TIGER INT	10/4	10/4
49/7	TIME INCOR	80/2	80/6
40/5	TIMES MIRR	34/4	35/4
84/6	TIMKEN	59/6	60/2
12/6	TORCHMARK	25/0	24/6
33/7	TOSCO CORP	1/7	1/7
28/3	TOYS R US	30/3	30/6
35/7	TRANSAMER	30/4	30/4
10/1	TRANSCO EN	24/7	25/1
23/7	TRANSCO EX	6/2	6/1
22/0	TRAVELLERS	35/6	35/5
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22/7	UD BRAND	41/2	41/4
19/2	UTD TECH	33/5	34/0
8/6	UNILEVER	55/4	55/2
42/1	UNION CAMP	32/5	32/7
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69/6	US SNOKE	14/6	15/5
66/3	USX CORP	30/3	30/0
6/0	US WEST	49/0	50/1
4/2	USATR GRP	31/1	31/1
40/6	VALERO EN	5/1	5/1
7/4	VALLEY IND	2/2	2/1
65/6	VARCO INTL	3/7	4/0
12	VARIAN ASS	23/4	23/3
43/0	V MINT	2/5	2/5
46/2	W PNT PEPP	24/7	25/3

ROCKAWAY C	6/5	6/6	WAL MART	2/5/2	2/5/2
ROCKWELL	16/6	16/7	WAL GREEN	2/5/2	2/5/2
ROHR INDS	17/6	16/6	WARMER COM	2/5/2	2/5/6
ROHR TREN	17/6	16/6	WARMER LAM	7/5/1	7/5/1
ROLLIN	15/14	15/10	WASTE MAN	36/1	36/3
ROPER CORP	16/10	16/3	WASH GAS L	22/1	22/1
RORER GRP	40/2	40/2	WENDY INTL	5/4	5/3
ROMAN COMP	5/2	5/2	WEST CO	16/17	16/17
ROYL DUTCH	109/6	110/0	WESTINGHOUSE	49/6	50/0
RYDER SYST	24/6	25/0	WILLIAMS C	25/0	25/0
RYLAND GRP	14/10	14/2	WILLIAMS E	4/0	4/1
S DIEG G-E	30/7	30/7	WILHESSA	8/0	7/7
SABINE	426/14	12/7	DUNN-DIXIE	39/2	39/4
SALOMON	132/12	21/4	TECHNORP	34/6	35/3
SARAGE	39/4	34/5	WORLDWIDE	4/0	6/6
SCHMIDT	38/6	34/5	WORLD GRP	49/6	49/6

SCOTTYS	12/4	12/4	XEROX CP	57/4	58/0
SE BANK CO	18/5	18/4	KTRA INC	26/4	26/6
SEAGRAM CO	55/0	55/2	ZAPATA	2/5	2/5
SEAGULL EN	16/6	17/0	ZAYRE CORP	15/2	15/4
SEALED AIR	36/3	36/3	ZENITH EL	15/0	15/1
SEARS ROE	33/4	33/6	ZERO	14/2	14/3

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	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	1,905.01	- 23.54	1,927.55	1,891.91
TRANS	737.86	- 11.71	749.29	735.71
UTILS	178.46	- 1.54	180.18	177.99
STOCKS	706.23	- 8.97	714.95	703.17
NYSE COMP	136.44	- 1.30		
S-P COMPOSITE	242.75	- 2.69		
NYSE INDS	163.80	- 1.77		
AMEX INDEX	261.24	- 1.52		
NYSE COMP	330.48	- 1.49		
NASD BANKING	401.18	- 1.51		
NASD FIN'L	409.36	- 1.86		
NASD INDS	335.78	- 3.63		
S-P 100 INDEX	234.35	- 2.52		

VOLUME		AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME	
3	UNCH	WESTERN DI	12 5/8 - 1/2
2	+ 1/2	ECHO BAY	21 7/8 - UNCH
3	- 1/8	NY TIMES A	30 1/8 - 5/8
2	- 3/8	LORINAR TE	10 7/8 - 1/8
2	- 3/4	TAIWAN FUN	28 - 2 5/8
2	+ 1/4	ALZA CORP	25 5/8 - 5/8
3	+ 1 3/8	WANG LAB B	12 7/8 - 1/8
2	- 2 1/2	ELSINORE	2 1/8 - 1/8
3	- 1/4	TEXAS AIR	10 5/8 - 1/8
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2 - 3/8	UNT MED 2 3/4 + 1/4
2 - 1/4	IPM TECH 2 3/8 - 3/8
	GTE SCORE 4 3/8 - 5/8
72,119,600	AMEX VOLUME 3,073,200
327	STOCKS UP 182
855	STOCKS DOWN 245
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Street Market Report

Wall Street stocks moved above their lows on technical

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China to cut money supply sharply

BEIJING, Jan 13. (AP): China's central bank announced plans today to sharply cut the money supply in 1988 in hopes of curbing excessive demand that pushed inflation past 7 per cent last year.

"We'll pay close attention to make sure that the sector that needs to be developed will get the money they need," the official Xinhua news agency quoted a spokesman for the People's Bank of China as saying.

"Enterprises with foreign investment are on the priority list and those with good economic returns will have our full support," Xinhua quoted the unidentified spokesman as saying.

The official said lending will increase but will be kept short of demand, while the overall money supply "will be cut drastically."

Overextended

Xinhua quoted the bank as saying overextended capital construction, especially in projects outside the state plan, and excessive growth in consumption have caused demand to far outstrip supply, especially in the areas of energy and raw and semi-finished materials.

Government officials and economists have blamed this situation for China's growing inflation problem. Officials say inflation hit a national average of 6 per cent in 1986 and an estimated 7.5 per cent in 1987, but the rate in some cities was close to 20 per cent.

The report said the bank began to tighten credit last October by raising the reserve rate to 12 per cent, up from 10 per cent, and increasing interest rates for Central Bank loans. Xinhua did not give the interest rates.

A tighter money supply means banks will have to be more selective in their loans instead of relying on the state to issue more currency, Xinhua said.

Bank to help Burma ease oil shortage

MANILA, Jan 13. (Reuters): Burma will receive aid to develop and rehabilitate its dwindling oil and natural-gas resources, the Asian Development Bank has said.

The Manila-based bank said it would finance a seven-month study on how to restore and develop the Mann and Htaukshabin oil and gas fields in central Burma, which, it said, were operating well below potential.

"The assistance is in line with (Burma's) policy to develop indigenous oil and gas resources to arrest growing shortages of oil and to increase gas production," the bank said in a statement yesterday.

The study would prepare a three-year, \$220 million programme of repair and upgrading at the fields and the drilling of new wells, the bank said.

Efficiency

It would also help improve the efficiency of the Myanmar refinery at Rangoon and other installations, which are operating at only 30 per cent of capacity because of a shortage of crude oil, the bank said.

It did not say if it would help finance the programme or say how much the study, co-financed by the United Nations Development Programme, would cost.

The two fields are Burma's largest but the bank said production had dropped sharply.

At Mann, production fell from 6.6 million barrels in the 1982-83 financial year to 3.3 million in 1986-87. At Htaukshabin production fell from 3.7 million barrels in fiscal 1985-86 to 3.1 million in 1986-87.

Mann has proven reserves of 174 million barrels and Htaukshabin of 317 million barrels, the bank said.

Private sector

THE Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry will participate in a symposium on the development of private sector projects in Arab Gulf states, scheduled to begin in Dubai on Saturday.

The two-day symposium will be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Union of Chambers in the United Arab Emirates, with participants from Arab Gulf states and ILO.

The symposium will discuss a number of topics covering the establishment and development of small business enterprises and the application of modern management techniques, as well as the endorsement of a permanent training programme for the private sector.

Gold steadies

Banks act to rescue sliding dollar

LONDON, Jan 13. (Reuters): Leading central banks including the US Federal Reserve Board intervened in currency markets and bought the dollar to rescue it from a new slide today.

Dealers said the Fed, West Germany's Bundesbank, the Swiss National Bank, the central banks of the Netherlands, Italy and Austria all hit the markets with snap dollar purchases. The Bank of Japan bought dollars during the earlier Asian trading day.

Fears that US trade figures due on Friday will be bad had caused the dollar retreat, which followed a rally last week which was also helped by concerted central bank intervention.

The fresh round of intervention, timed for the opening of the New York market, lifted the dollar from near day's lows of 125.47 yen and 1.6248 Deutschmarks to above 126.25 yen and 1.6325 marks.

Dealers said the Fed and Bundesbank sold yen for dollars.

Japan's yen had been the favourite with international investors who were selling

dollars this morning — "the yen's been the star of the show. It's strengthened against everything," said a London trader.

But dealers said not too many people had gone short of dollars so there was no frantic scramble to buy America's currency when the central banks moved in.

Worries about the dollar and Friday's US trade figures affected Wall Street where the Dow Jones industrial average quickly lost 20 points, although it rallied later.

The central bank intervention did not immediately inspire a marked rally in European shares, which had generally opened lower because of worries about the dollar's prospects.

London's Financial Times Stock Exchange index of 100 blue chip British shares stayed down at around 1,725 points after news of the intervention, compared with yesterday's close of 1,739.2.

Weakness

Investors in stock markets worry about the dollar because its weakness increases the danger of inflation in the United States

while pinching the export earnings of companies in other nations.

Bad US trade figures have repeatedly led operators in currencies to sell the dollar, in the belief that America will have to let it slide to help its exports.

Most economists expect the US trade deficit to narrow to about \$14 to 16 billion in November from a record 17.63 billion marks in October.

But market rumours put it anywhere from \$12 to 20 billion. "There was even a rumour of a \$23 billion deficit in Tokyo today," said one West German analyst.

Deficit

Dealers said a deficit of more than \$15 billion would be likely to weaken the dollar, which on January 4 hit historic lows of 1.5615 marks and 120.20 yen.

Officials have said the central bank interventions which have helped the dollar rebound have reflected an accord to stabilise currencies of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations — the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada.

Gold bullion was fixed in London this morning at \$481.40 an ounce, just up yesterday's close of \$480.75, and traded little changed later.

Recovery

Despite the central bank intervention and the subsequent dollar recovery, dealers remained cautious.

In London, traders were divided over whether the action was a pre-emptive or tactical move possibly foreshadowing worse-than-expected US trade data on Friday.

Comments by President Reagan on Monday that a large trade deficit figure was not necessarily a sign of a weak economy added to market uncertainty. Some dealers saw the comment as an attempt to prepare the public for bad trade numbers, despite a White House denial that was Reagan's intention.

Share markets also hung on Friday's figures.

Nervously

The Frankfurt Bourse, which closed before Wall Street opened, ended nervously and near the lowest levels of the day. West German shares were under-

mined by dollar weakness, declines on Wall Street and Tokyo and uncertainty about the US deficit.

The Commerzbank 10-share index fell 29.5 points, or 2.3 per cent, to 1,246.8 while the Boersen-Zeitung index of 30 top shares fell 5.62 points, or 2.1 per cent, to 258.08.

"No-one is willing to open fresh positions ahead of the US trade figures," one Frankfurt share dealer said.

In Zurich, the all-share Swiss index ended 17.9 points, or 2.3 per cent, lower at 753.4 points while in Milan, the MIB share price index closed 0.89 per cent down. Belgian shares also closed mostly lower.

Followed

Declines in Europe followed falls in Asia.

Tokyo's Nikkei average sank 300.06 points, or 1.33 per cent, to 22,324.99.

Hong Kong investors also fretted over the trade deficit figures, sending the stock market sharply lower in light trade. The Hang Seng index dropped 58.62 points to 2,383.79.

Joint-ventures under review

Kuwait to expand trade link with Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 13. (Kuna): The Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) will carry out an evaluation exercise to identify possible investment and joint-venture opportunities in Malaysia, Kuwait's Finance Minister Jassem Mohamed Al Khorafi said here today.

He told reporters on arrival at the Kuala Lumpur international airport in Subang, that from the evaluation, KIA will be able to plan for Kuwait's future monetary involvement in Malaysia.

The minister who is also KIA's chairman was welcomed on arrival by the Malaysian Finance Minister Daim Zaiduddin. Kuwait's ambassador here, Essa Abdul Rahman Al Essa and several senior government officials of Malaysia.

The Kuwaiti minister is accompanied by seven KIA board members. They are Mohamed Yousef Al Adany, Yacoub Yousef Al Homazi, Fahad Abdulrahman Al Bahar, Dr Fahd Al Rashed, Fouad Khaled Jaffar, Sheikh K.N. Al



Khorafi

Sabah and Mohamed Abdulmohsen Al Marshed.

Khorafi said it is necessary for KIA to keep abreast with changing investment trends as it does not wish to concentrate in one area of investments only.

"Kuwait is generally satisfied with the economic performance of Malaysia and will seek new avenues to increase its stake here. "KIA's present involvement in Malaysia is very substantial

but they are mainly holdings of portfolio shares in several Malaysian corporate institutions," he added.

Jassem and members of his delegation also met the government of central bank of Malaysia (Bank Negara) Jaafar Hussein and briefed about the purpose of their visit.

Later Khorafi met the Malaysian Minister of Trade and Industry Rafidah Aziz at her office. The delegation also called on the Malaysian finance minister.

Rafidah told Kuna after meeting with the Kuwaiti delegation that she was very glad Jassem had come to Malaysia to explore the possibility of increasing bilateral trade between the two Muslim nations.

"What I have gathered during the meeting is that Kuwait is interested in buying our products. It is now up to our exporters and traders to establish continuous contacts, with their counterparts in Kuwait."

On Friday, Khorafi will call on the Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad, before leaving for Australia.

"In this respect I will get the various chambers of commerce in Malaysia to draw up programmes for their respective members to boost trade in Kuwait," said Rafidah who visited Kuwait last November.

Rafidah said the Malaysian government will hold 'trade fair' in Kuwait later this year and organise follow-up trade and investment mission to the Gulf country.

Visited Khorafi and his delegation had already visited Singapore for the same purpose and will continue their fact-finding tour to Australia, Japan and Hong Kong before returning home.

Tomorrow, the delegation will leave for Teluk Anson, about 180 km north of here to visit United Plantations Company and Unitata Company Palm Oil Complex in which KIA has substantial shares.

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Tighter supply buoying prices, profits

PITTSBURGH, Jan 13. (AP): A new round of steel increases reflects the benefit of plant closings, modernised equipment, import controls and the dollar's lower value, but analysts differ on how long the higher prices will last.

"By my calculations, the US has once again become the lowest-cost, full product line producing nation in the world. That is a far cry from what we had as late as three or four years ago," said J. Clarence Morrison, a metals analyst for Dean Witter Reynolds financial firm in New York.

Shipments

Nevertheless, steel's two biggest customers, automaking and construction, are facing slow years, suggesting 1988 steel industry shipments of a flat 70 million to 75 million tons, said Charles Bradford, industry analyst for Merrill Lynch capital markets.

Steel prices are buoyed for now by a long series of plant closings, import restrictions and more recent furnace and mill breakdowns, all of which make the metal harder to get. Bradford said. But major plants are re-entering the market in Geneva, Utah, and Gadsden, Alabama, and could loosen supplies.

Effective

Third-ranked Bethlehem Steel Corp. stepped into line yesterday behind industry leader USX Corp. in announcing price increases of \$30 per ton on steel, a bread-and-butter product for major producers that is used in appliances, vehicles, office furniture and other consumer goods.

LTV Steel Co. the No. 2 producer, is expected to follow suit. "We will always be competitive," said LTV spokesman Mark Tomasz in Cleveland.

The \$30 increase, effective with shipments on April 3, translates to 4 per cent to 8 per cent across a range of sheet products and helps recover discounts that have been offered to compete in the market, said USX and Bethlehem spokesmen.

Bradford questions how long the favourable supply-demand balance will last.

Morrison calculates that producers announced price increases averaging 10 per cent across all steel product categories during the past year, but due to long-term contracts transaction prices rose only 3.5 per cent in 1987. He expects the remainder to take effect this year.

Happened Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates in December calculated the 1987 price increases to have averaged 6.5 per cent.

Bradford figures the increases realised in 1987 to have been several percentage points.

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Moscow seeks end to Western high-tech export barriers

STOCKHOLM, Jan 13. (AP): Soviet Premier Nikolai I. Ryzhkov complained today that Sweden was refusing to sell first-line technology to the Soviet Union and called for an end to Western high-tech export restrictions.

Speaking at a news conference during an official visit, Ryzhkov said the ban on high-tech trade to the Eastern bloc should be reconsidered in line with the Soviet economic reforms and the arms control agreement signed with the United States.

"In this age, when great changes are taking place... when issues are being resolved which seemed impossible a few years ago, we remove medium- and short-ranged missiles but we retain such trade barriers as the Cocom list. This should be abandoned," Ryzhkov said.

Accord

He was referring to the 15-nation accord restricting trade which could have military applications. The rules are supervised by the Paris-based Cocom organisation.

Non-aligned Sweden is not a Cocom member, but Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson made it clear at a separate news conference that his Social

Democratic government was voluntarily abiding by the regulations.

"Sweden will not be used as a path or an intermediary to skirt other countries' restrictions," he said.

After years of tension with the United States over its export policy, the government tightened restrictions on Swedish businesses in 1986, clearing the way for its own eligibility for higher grade US products.

Ryzhkov said the Soviets had much to contribute to Sweden in the fields of robotics space technology and other science-based areas.

Joint ventures

He said he had reached agreement to expand trade and launch joint business ventures, but said he found Swedish businessmen "very shy" about buying Soviet products.

He offered a wide range of opportunities to develop the resource-rich Kola peninsula, the Soviet territory adjacent to Finland in the north housing a huge Soviet arsenal and the base for its northern fleet.

The Soviets, he said, were inviting Sweden and the other Scandinavian countries to send observers to Soviet military man-

oeuvres later this year as a confidence-building measure.

Carlsson said he did not reply to the offer, and would do so only after consulting Sweden's Nordic allies. Three of them, Norway, Denmark and Iceland, are NATO countries. Finland is neutral.

Before the news conference, Ryzhkov signed an agreement calling for an exchange of information on the development of nuclear power plants in each other's country and pledging speedy information on any nuclear accidents.

Sweden was the first country to report the release of high levels of radiation in the Soviet Union that led to the discovery of the Chernobyl nuclear accident two years ago, and it was one of the worst countries affected.

On Monday, Ryzhkov and Carlsson reached agreement delineating their commercial rights in a disputed zone of the Baltic Sea. The accord had been under negotiation for 19 years and was seen by both sides as a major step in improving relations. The treaty was signed today.

The Soviet delegation also signed a letter of intent to deliver natural gas.

Pan Am reaches pacts with 3 unions

NEW YORK, Jan 13. (AP): Financially troubled Pan Am Corp. says it has reached agreements with three unions calling for more than \$330 million in concessions in exchange for an undisclosed stake in the company.

Pan Am is seeking agreements for five principal unions as part of a strategy to turn itself around, following a series of unsuccessful takeover overtures from outside suitors.

In a statement yesterday, the company said it had reached accords with the unions representing pilots, flight engineers and flight attendants.

Deadline

Another union, the Teamsters, set a strike deadline of Feb 11 against Pan American World Airways, the company's main subsidiary. The Teamsters

threat followed a breakdown in contract negotiations between the 4,300-member union local and Pan Am management.

The company said that it had held discussions with the Teamsters and the other hold-out union, the transport workers, and that it would try to conclude concession agreements with them.

In its statement, released after a meeting of its board of directors, Pan Am also said its financial loss for 1987 would be "significantly in excess of published newspaper reports."

Denominated

The company said the increased loss estimate was due to losses on loans denominated in the Japanese yen, which has risen strongly against the dollar, lost revenue from a strike by ground employees in Mexico

during the entire quarter, and rising fuel prices.

Recent press reports have predicted the company would report a net loss of around \$90 million for 1987. Pan Am's net loss for 1986 was \$462 million.

The statement said the three-year labour agreements, which provide for \$110 million a year in wage and pension reductions, are subject to approval by the members of the three unions. The accords are retroactive to Jan 1.

Concessions

The 1,100-member Pilots Union announced last week that it was making \$58 million in concessions in return for about 7 million shares of Pan Am stock to be distributed over a five-year period, but the company did not confirm those details. The company has about 140 million shares outstanding.

Investment seminar

GRINDLAYS Bank is to hold a seminar on "tax planning and investment" specially for non-resident Indians on January 16 at 7.30 pm, at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel.

Biswajit Bhattacharya, manager personal banking and R. Krishnamoorthy, tax consultant will address the seminar.

Harvest

Agreement on the 1988 economic plan outlining production, anticipated exports, personal income and other economic targets had been prevented by dissent from Slovenia and Croatia, the most economically advanced republics, which rejected it as "unrealistic."

Leaders of the Communist Party sharply criticised the lack

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Dear Junior Readers,

Perhaps some of you have seen a popular poster with the caption, "A little act of kindness can fill a heart with joy" and a picture of a child giving flowers to a friend.

When you first look at the poster you think about the joy of the child's friend as he receives the flowers. But if you actually put the thought behind the poster into action with your own act of kindness you will discover that it is your heart that is filled with joy as well as the person receiving your kindness.

An "act of kindness" can be no more than a simple thank you or helping your mother clear the table after dinner. Fill your heart and a friend's with joy by acts of kindness everyday.

Aunt Barbara



Happy birthday

Hasnain Khokhar celebrated his first birthday yesterday in Pakistan. Best wishes, Hasnain, from your uncles, aunt and cousins in Kuwait.

The law

1. What is the difference between libel and slander at common law?
2. What is the title of the chief Law Officer of the Crown in Scotland?
3. What is habeas corpus?
4. Who proclaimed that "the law is a ass - a idiot"?
5. Who was the MP for Oxford University whose novel *Holy Deadlock* helped to pave the way for a bill which he later promoted to reform the divorce law?
6. Can you state the substance of Parkinson's Law?
7. What are the names of the three divisions of the High Court of Justice?
8. What formerly was the distinction between burglary and housebreaking?
9. What is the offence of jactitation of marriage?
10. Murphy's Laws are justifiably famous. Can you give two out of three?

Answers: 1. Libel is written, or mechanically broadcast, while slander is only spoken. 2. The Lord Advocate. 3. The writ issued to bring a person before a court or judge to determine that there has been no unlawful restraint. 4. Mr Bumble, in Charles Dickens's *Oliver Twist*. 5. A. P. Herbert, later Sir Alan Herbert. 6. Parkinson's law states: "Work expands to fill the time available for its completion." This law was enunciated by Professor C. Northcote Parkinson in an article published in *The Economist* in London in 1956 after investigating the British Admiralty and the Colonial Office. 7. The Chancery, Queen's Bench, and Family Divisions. 8. Burglary was breaking into a house with intent to commit a felony between the hours of 9pm and 6am. Outside those hours it was called housebreaking. The 1968 Theft Act abolished the distinction, and the term burglary now applies throughout the twenty-four hours. 9. Falsely claiming to be married to someone. 10. Murphy's Laws have been codified as follows: a) Nothing is as easy as it looks. b) Everything will take longer than you think it will. c) If anything can go wrong, it will.

Search for a puzzle

Can you find the words below in the diagram? They are formed in the diagram forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally, but they are always in a straight line and are never formed by skipping over any letters.

CARBON CARE CHECKING CLUE CONFUSION COPIES CROAK
DIAGONAL DOWN EDITOR ERRORS FUN HELP
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H D I A G O N A L E C D N

DENNIS Dragon was quite happy Working in the baker's shop. Making bread and buns and crumpets-- From morning until night, non-stop.

But one day the baker told him, "I won't need you any more. For my son is coming home and He can turn out cakes galore.

He has been to Baker's College And has a certificate. He can make all kinds of goodies. He'll be my new baker's mate."

Dennis couldn't quite believe that He was being asked to go. But he packed his few belongings And he set off, feeling low.

Dennis went from town to town in Search of something he could do. But he found, to his great sorrow, Jobs for dragons were very few.

"No one wants a baker dragon."

Dennis the Dragon finds a new job

Whimpered Dennis with a sigh. Then a notice on a window Caught our dragon's tearful eye.

There, in letters bold and cheerful, JOB CENTRE it plainly said. "That's for me!" our Dennis shouted And inside he quickly sped.

Then the man behind the desk said, "We can find a job for you

We can help all kinds of people, Tell me just what you can do."

"I can do a lot," said Dennis. Puffing out his chest with pride. "In that case," smiled Mr Jolly, "You can do a Dragon Ride."

So it was that Dennis Dragon Ended up inside the Zoo. Giving rides to little children Like the elephants all do.

But the elephants were

rounder; Dennis had a spiky back. All the children were complaining That their bottoms were blue and black.

Monday morning saw poor Dennis In the line of unemployed. "Back so soon?" asked Mr Jolly. Sounding really quite annoyed.

But he found a job for Dennis As a factory guard at night: He would watch for thieves and robbers; He would give them such a fright.

Everything went well at first and Dennis made a splendid guard. No one dared to break and enter. All the gates stayed locked and barred.

Then one night a most tremendous CRASH and BANG our Dennis heard. Coming from inside the warehouse -- But "our hero" was prepared!

Breathing fire ... and

flames ... and fury Into battle Dennis sprang

"I will teach those thieves a lesson! I'll make mincemeat of their gang!"

Bursting through the door he puffed out Giant flames from side to side.

"No one can escape from this -- I'll Be a HERO!" Dennis cried.

Peering through the smoke and ashes Dennis searched this way and that. All he found inside the warehouse Was one frightened little CAT!

Suddenly the cat began to Lap up something off the floor: White and pink and chocolate puddles Tricked out beneath the door.

Chocolate, strawberry and vanilla -- Dennis stood there in a dream. What a stupid little Dragon,

Using flames to guard ICE-CREAM!

Once again on Monday morning Dennis queued up with the rest. "GO AWAY!" yelled Mr Jolly. "You've become a perfect PEST."

Sadly, once again poor Dennis Went on his way, bowed down with care. He kept on walking, then at tea-time Found himself outside the Fair.

Helter-skelters, lots of music -- Lucky-dips in tubs of bran --

Everyone seemed very happy All except for one poor man.

He was standing by the engine Of his model railway train. "What's the matter?" asked young Dennis. "Are you ill? Are you in pain?"

Then the man explained,

"This morning Our coal truck just hasn't come. And without a head of steam up Little engines cannot run."

Shyly then, our jaunty hero Went into action once again. "I can help you, Mr Train Man. I can drive the model train!"

"Don't be silly," said the owner. "Coal's what I need for my train." "I'll soon show you," promised Dennis. Breathing fire with might and main.

Crouching down inside the cabin Dennis made that boiler steam -- Slow at first, then ever faster The little train went like a dream.

Scores of happy little children Climbed aboard with shouts of glee. Dennis chuckled as he drove them. "This is just the life for me!"

Analogies

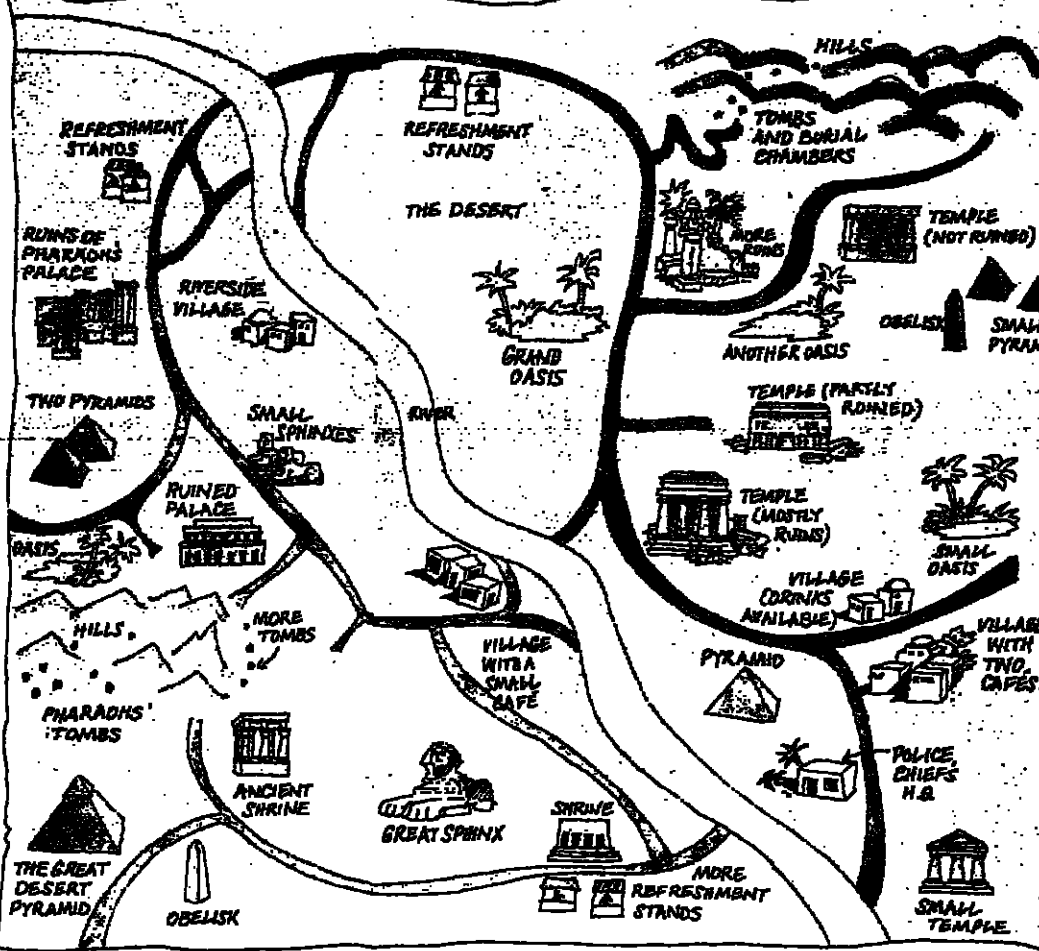
Attempt these relationships to activate your brain cells.

1. HORSE is to RIDER as ENGINE is to (a) passenger (b) engineer (c) train (d) coal
2. FLY is to SPIDER as MOUSE is to (a) rat (b) cat (c) rodent (d) animal
3. MIDDLE AGES is to RENAISSANCE as 1700 is to (a) Dark Ages (b) 1500 (c) Ancient Greece (d) 20th Century
4. SHIP is to CHRISTEN as MONUMENT is to (a) revere (b) hail (c) sculpture (d) dedicate
5. LOUD is to THUNDER as LARGE is to (a) monkey (b) midget (c) whale (d) blintzy
6. CREATOR is to VOLCANO as CHIMNEY is to (a) fire (b) house (c) fuel (d) smoke
7. PETAL is to FLOWER as FUR is to (a) coat (b) rabbit (c) worm (d) women
8. TONE is to HEARING as COLOUR is to (a) pigment (b) sight (c) melody (d) picture
9. VALOUR is to COWARDICE as WHITE is to (a) colour (b) yellow (c) pigment (d) black
10. RICE is to CEREAL as APPLE is to (a) pear (b) peel (c) fruit (d) box
11. ATOM is to MOLECULE as POUND is to (a) quart (b) pound (c) package (d) ton
12. WEEK is to DAY as DAY is to (a) month (b) second (c) hour (d) night

Answers: 1.b 2.b 3.d 4.d 5.c 6.b 7.b 8.b 9.d 10.c 11.d 12.c

The curse of the lost idol

BUT Annie couldn't leave straight away. The other passengers started playing moonlit deck quito right outside her cabin. So she waited until everyone had



gone to bed. She crept out on to the deck trying hard to avoid Ahmed Ablunda's men. To her dismay, the gang-plank was guarded. A dozy policeman slouched against the railing, but his dog was wide awake and growling. Annie had a brainwave. She hopped over the railing with her bag of junk and slid down a mooring rope to the shore. Once she was on dry land, Annie looked at the

moonlit landscape. Which way was the buried chamber? Annie had a second brainwave. She rummaged in her bag for the map the man with the moustache had given her. The buried chamber was not marked and she did not know where the boat was moored. Then she remembered her journey earlier that day. Now she knew how to get there. Where is the chamber and what is Annie's route?



Science corner

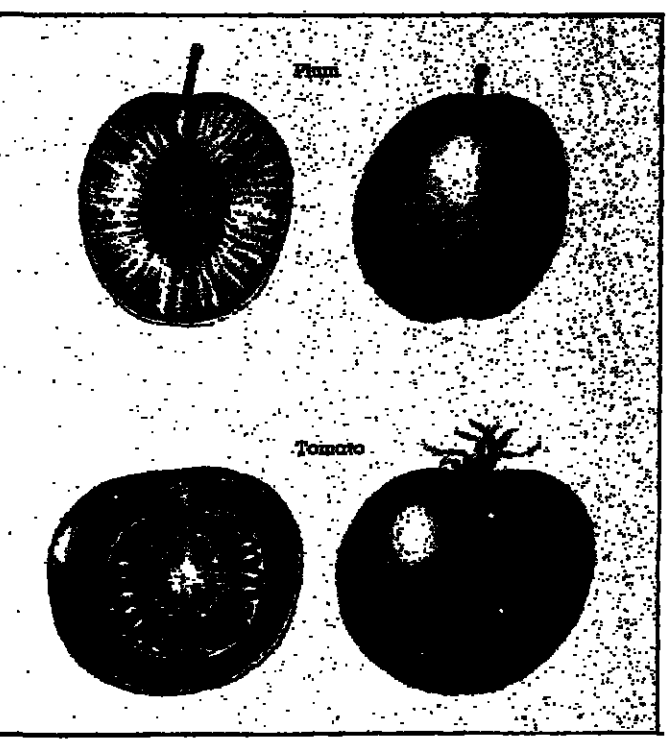
Fruits and seeds

THERE are many kinds of fruits. The blackberry is a wild fruit. Every blackberry is made up of many little fruits. Each little fruit has a seed inside. The fruit of the wild rose bush is called a hip. A hip is soft, red and juicy on the outside. Inside there are several hard seeds. Birds like to eat the soft parts of blackberries and hips. They do not like the seeds, though. The birds wipe the seeds off their beaks. Sometimes the

birds swallow the seeds. But the seeds have a hard covering around them, and they pass through a bird's body without harm. If the seeds reach good soil, they grow into a new plant. If all the seeds made by one plant were to fall on the same bit of ground, the new plants would be too close together. Then they would not grow properly and so the seeds have to be scattered.

Dandelion fruits DANDELIONS grow almost everywhere. You

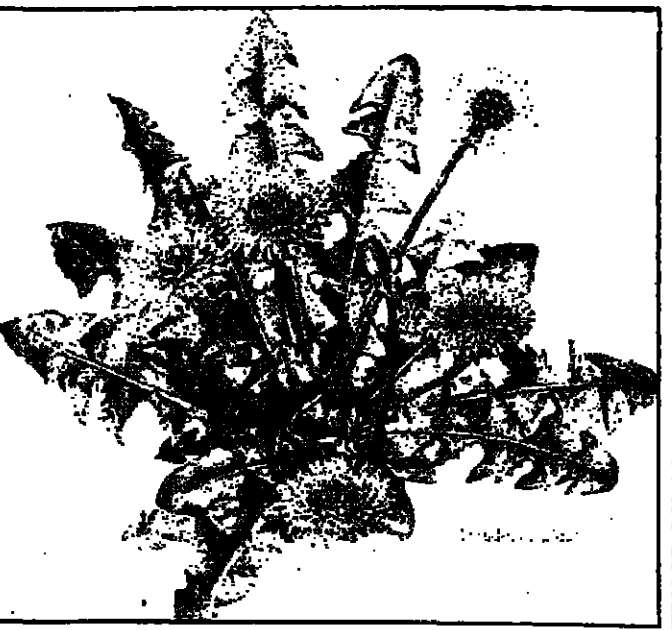
can find them in the country and in towns. They flower from March to October. The big yellow dandelion flower is made up of lots of tiny flowers. When the dandelion flowers have died, white fluffy balls are left. People often call these white fluffy balls 'dandelion clocks'. They are really many tiny fruits. Each fruit consists of a seed with its own little parachute of down. The wind blows the dandelion fruits to new places where they grow.



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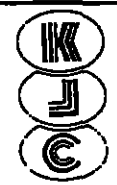
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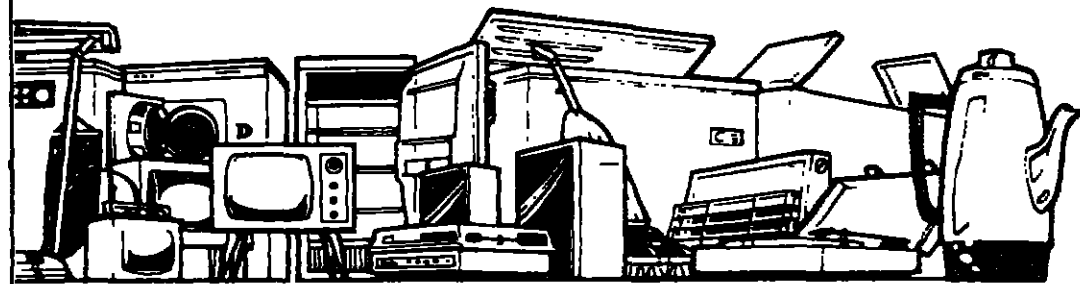


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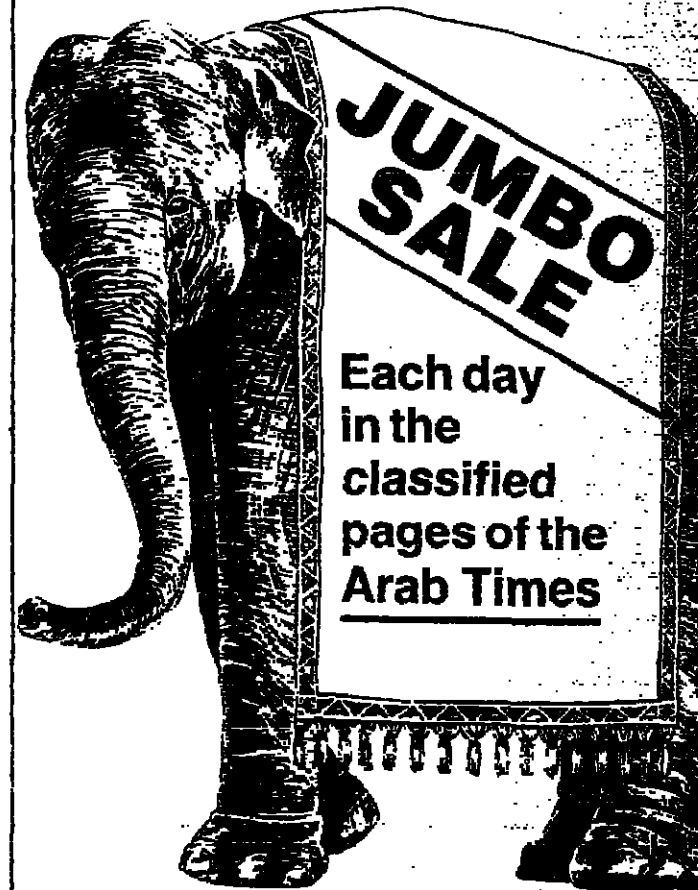
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SPORTS

Soviet and N. Korean statements put Cuba in a spot

HAVANA, Jan 13. (Reuters): The Soviet Union's decision to take part in the Seoul Olympics and North Korea's vow to stay away have left Cuba in a difficult position, diplomats based here said yesterday.

If President Fidel Castro follows through on his most recent declaration that Cuba will boycott the Games, but Moscow's announcement complicates the matter, they said.

"If the Olympic Games are not shared between the two Koreas, we will not participate," Castro said in his last public statement on the issue, in an interview with an Italian reporter last June.

The North Korean Olympic Committee said yesterday it would not participate in the Seoul Olympics, just a day after the Soviet Union announced it would take part and Chinese sources in Peking said China would also participate.

Cuba's state-run news agency, Prensa Latina, carried a report of the North Korean decision from Pyongyang but there was no official government reaction in Havana.

Cuban Olympic Committee officials were not immediately available for comment.

"Cubans have said all along they would guide themselves by North Korea, but the fact that Moscow will attend could present them with a dilemma," a Western diplomat said.

Considered

International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch has considered banning nations which boycott the Seoul Games from the 1992 Olympics.

In other statements last year, Castro said Cuba, which is a close ally of North Korea, had a moral commitment not to attend the Games if they were not co-hosted "because we have to be consistent with our principles."

Castro has also said in the past that "the honour of the Games" could only be saved by splitting them between North and South Korea.

He has said all along that Seoul was the best choice as "the legacy of the Korean nation is artificially and arbitrarily divided in two."

Cuba, which supported the Soviet-led boycott of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and, like North Korea, receives substantial aid from Moscow, won 20 medals at the 1980 Moscow Games.

Lora to defend title in March

BOGOTA, Jan 13. (Reuters): World Boxing Council bantamweight champion Miguel "Happy" Lora of Colombia will make the fifth defence of his title against Argentina's Lucio "Machinegun" Lopez in Colombia next March, promoted Julio Guerrero said yesterday.

He said the fight had been tentatively set for March 4 in Bogota if local authorities agreed to exempt it from taxes. Otherwise it will be held in Cartagena, on the Caribbean, where promoters are granted a tax exemption for title fights.

Guerrero did not disclose how much Lora or Lopez would receive for the 12-round bout. Lora won the title from Mexico's Daniel Zaragoza in Miami in August 1985.

BEARDSLEY SCORES WINNING GOAL

Liverpool outlast Stoke



Beardsley: got the winner.

LONDON, Jan 13. (Reuters): England striker Peter Beardsley saved runaway championship leaders Liverpool from embarrassment by scoring the only goal of the English Football Association (FA) Cup third round replay against visitors Stoke yesterday.

Beardsley drilled home a John Barnes cross in the ninth minute but Liverpool's Second Division opponents prevented the anticipated goal rush thanks to some fine saves by their goalkeeper, Scott Barrett.

Tough

Liverpool's John Aldridge had a goal disallowed and defender Gary Gillespie hit a post.

Liverpool face a tough trip to Aston Villa in the fourth round. Second Division Middlesbrough claimed a fourth round place but Minor League opponents Sutton took the honours in a dramatic replay.

Sutton forced the First Division candidates into extra time before Paul Kerr's 111th minute goal eliminated the competition's last survivors from outside the Football League.

Kerr scored from a Dean

Glover cross to give hosts Middlesbrough a clash with champions Everton or Sheffield Wednesday in the next round.

Struggling First Division Watford welcomed new manager Steve Harrison with a fine recovery in their replay at Hull.

Neil Williams and Alex Dyer scored first half goals for Hull but Watford forced a second replay next Monday via a Kenny Jackett penalty and substitute Malcolm Allen.

Results

English FA Cup third round replays
Blackpool 1 (Madden 55th), Scunthorpe 0 (Blackpool home to Manchester City or Huddersfield)
Hull 2 (Williams 37th, Dyer 39th), Watford 2 (Jackett 54th pen., Allen 66th) (after extra time, winner away to Coventry)
Liverpool 1 (Beardsley 9th), Stoke 0 (Liverpool away to Aston Villa)
Manchester City 0, Huddersfield 0 (After extra time) (Winner away to Blackpool or Scunthorpe)
Middlesbrough 1 (Kerr 111th), Sutton 0 (after extra time) (Middlesbrough away to Sheffield Wednesday or Everton)

English League Fourth Division
Hull City 0, Bolton 0
Newport 2, Darlington 1
Scottish Cup Fourth Division
Aberdeen 1, Stenhousemuir 1 (After extra time. Score at 90 minutes 1-1) (Winner home to Dundee United)

India tipped to square series

MADRAS, Jan 13. (Reuters): India are hot favourites to square their four match series with West Indies when the final Test resumes in Madras tomorrow on a pitch allowing sharp spin.

West Indies master batsman Viv Richards appears to pose the only obstacle to India's gaining a big enough first innings lead to carry them to their first victory in this final Test.

Poised

Richards was undefeated on 62 after the second day which saw West Indies score 147 for five wickets in reply to India's 382.

But with slow bowlers already

getting the ball to bite and rear, India's five-strong spin attack is poised for victory.

Indian captain Ravi Shastri, Ajay Sharma and Venkat Raman bowl slow left arm, 19-year-old Narendra Hirwani offers leg breaks and googlies, and Arshad Ayub delivers off breaks.

With such variation of slow bowling at their disposal, West Indies manager Jackie Hendriks has accused the home side of deliberately not watering the pitch so it would take spin early.

Hendriks said the Madras wicket was not fit for a five-day Test and that his team were "in a

little bit of bother". He acknowledged that much would depend on Richards, who on his day can murder any attack in any conditions.

Shastri said he was delighted with India's performance, which has featured a swashbuckling 109 by Kapil Dev and an impressive Test debut by Hirwani, who has so far taken three wickets for 35.

"Any target of over 250 in the fourth innings will be difficult," Shastri said.

A first innings lead of 140 or 150 followed by a score of 150 in India's second innings should be enough for victory, he said.

Kuwait Little League to hold annual elections

THE 1988 annual officers elections for the Kuwait Little League and Teeball Association will be held at the Universal American School on Saturday, January 16, at 19.00 hours.

This year, most of the organization's officers will leave. Kuwait and new leaders are needed to fill the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and head umpire.

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Pak Sarhad rout Burhan

PAK SARHAD crushed Burhan XI by nine wickets in a Morning Star Cricket Trophy match at the Airport ground earlier this week.

Burhan XI were off to bad start, losing both their openers with only four runs on the board. They were not able to recover from this loss and were all out for 78. Kaiser was the top scorer with 32.

For Pak Sarhad, Zaheer topped the bowling honours by taking five wickets for 34 runs while Shaikat got three for 20. Two wickets were taken by Hisamuddin.

In reply, Pak Sarhad rattled up the required runs for the loss of only one wicket. Zaheer was out hitting 32 which included five fours. Ghulam Murtaza and Riaz remained unbeaten on 28 and 16 respectively.

Indefinite ban on English clubs may be lifted

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Jan 13. (Reuters): A top West German soccer official hinted yesterday that an indefinite ban on English football clubs playing in continental Europe might soon be lifted.

"Something has got to move in this affair," Hermann Neuberg, president of the West German Soccer Federation, said while attending the draw for the 1988 European Soccer Championships.

Neuberg said he and other UEFA officials had talked after the draw to representatives of England's Football Association about the issue.

Although "considerable forces," had spoken out for an end to the ban, he added, UEFA's executive committee would not make a decision until it met in Monte Carlo on January 20.

Press reports here said it was also possible that UEFA would want to wait until it had watched the behaviour of English fans at the June European Championship games in West Germany before taking a decision.

English clubs were banned indefinitely from playing in continental Europe following a riot by fans at Belgium's Heysel Stadium in May 1985, when 39 people were killed.

Watford manager

LONDON, Jan 13. (Reuters): English First Division soccer club Watford confirmed yesterday that they had appointed Steve Harrison as their new manager following the resignation of Dave Bassett.



Ekatarina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov of the Soviet Union in action to win the short programme of the pairs during the European Figure Skating Championship in Prague, Czechoslovakia, on Tuesday. Kira Ivanova, also of the Soviet Union, led after the compulsory figures. (Reuters wirephoto)

Vatanen retains overall Paris-Dakar Rally lead

NIAMEY, Jan 13. (Reuters): Belgium's Guy Colsoul overshadowed Finland's Ari Vatanen and Juha Kankkunen in 252-km stage of the Paris-Dakar rally, winning in his Mitsubishi.

But Vatanen, fifth in the stage which was first called off and then reinstated after a sandstorm blew up over southern Niger, kept his lead of more than one hour in the overall standings, ahead of fellow-Peugeot driver Kankkunen.

Japan's Hiro Masuoka in a Mitsubishi was second, Kankkunen finished the Agadez to Niamey leg third, with another Japanese Mitsubishi driver, Ken Shinozuka, fourth.

Organisers had earlier announced Masuoka had won the stage, but changed the results later.

A nine-year-old girl watching the rally suffered head injuries when she was struck by one of the cars. Two participants have died in this year's event.

Three motorcyclists were injured yesterday, including Frenchman Cyril Neveu, who broke several toes after falling from his Honda.

More than 400 of the original 602 entries have dropped out of the three-week rally amid criticism that the course is too difficult.

In Amsterdam, Dutch truck-makers Daf said they would never again take part in the event after one of their crew members,

Kees van Loevezijn, died and two others were seriously injured when their truck overturned in the desert on Saturday.

Standings

Standings after the 12th stage from Agadez to Niamey:

1. Vatanen/Berglund (Finland/Sweden) Peugeot 19 hours 43 minutes and 53 seconds.
2. Kankkunen/Pironen (Finland) Peugeot 1:02.30 behind
3. Lartigue/Maingret (France) Mitsubishi 2:19.26
4. Shinozuka/Magne (Japan) Mitsubishi 3:11.50
5. Tijsterman/Tijsterman (Netherlands) Mitsubishi 4:21.52
6. Cowan/Syer (Britain) Mitsubishi 4:45.14
7. Smith/Fieuv (US) Range Rover 5:48.03
8. Miller/Siegen (Kenya) Range Rover 6:36.28
9. Raut/Vantour (France) Toyota 6:53.13
10. Ambrosio/Guehenne (France) Peugeot 7:14.17

Bird takes Celtics past Bulls

NEW YORK, Jan 13. (AP): Boston's Larry Bird scored 16 of his 38 points in the fourth quarter last night to outduel Chicago's Michael Jordan and lead the Celtics to a 104-97 victory over the Bulls.

Jordan, who also scored 16 points in the final period, had 42 points, but missed four shots in a crucial 90-second span in the final four minutes.

Other National Basketball Association games saw Cleveland defeat New York 119-111, Milwaukee edge Philadelphia 106-103 and the Los Angeles Lakers beat Golden State 117-113.

The victory was Boston's fifth in six games and snapped a Chicago four-game winning streak.

Cavaliers 119, Knicks 111

Mark Price scored nine of his career-high 29 points in the final four minutes to help the Cleveland Cavaliers defeat the New York Knicks 119-111. The victory was Lenny Wilkens' 600th in his NBA coaching career.

Bucks 106, Sixers 103

Jack Sikma scored 22 points and Terry Cummings had eight of his 17 points in the fourth quarter as the Milwaukee Bucks held on to snap the Philadelphia 76ers' four-game winning streak with a 106-103 victory. Charles Barkley scored 25 points for the 76ers before fouling out.

Lakers 117, Warriors 113

Byron Scott had 30 points and the Los Angeles Lakers scored 10 of their last 14 points on free throws to defeat the Golden State Warriors 117-113 and extend their winning streak to 15 games. Golden State's Rod Higgins scored 19 of his 24 points in the first half.

GP season

STUTTGART, West Germany, Jan 13. (Reuters): Italian Formula One driver Andrea de Cesaris has signed for the newly-formed West German Rial motor racing team for the 1988 Grand Prix season, Rial said today.

De Cesaris, 28, has driven in 104 Grand Prix for McLaren, Alfa Romeo, Ligier, Minardi and Brabham without winning a race.

The Rial team, which is looking for a second driver, is led by West German businessman Gunther Schmid who headed the ATS Formula One team for 1977 to 1984.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

World best

MOSCOW, Jan 13. (Reuters): Olga Nazarova of the Soviet Union set a world indoor best for the 500 metres at an athletics competition in Moscow. Tass news agency reported today. Nazarova clocked one minute 7.67 seconds, nearly a second faster than the previous mark set by her compatriot Marina Khramova.

French squad

PARIS, Jan 13. (Reuters): Catherine Quittet and Carole Merle, winners of World Cup ski races this season, featured among 47 competitors named today in a preliminary selection for the French squad at next month's Calgary Winter Olympics.

Tribal elder

SYDNEY, Jan 13. (UPI): An aboriginal tribal elder, his face smeared with white ceremonial paint, today attempted to disrupt a cricket match organised by Prime Minister Bob Hawke and was carried from the field by police.

Euro-soccer

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Jan 13. (Reuters): All tickets for the opening match and the final of the 1988 European Soccer Championship in West Germany have been sold, tournament organisers said today.

Douglas banned

LONDON, Jan 13. (AP): Desmond Douglas, the top name in English table tennis, was barred yesterday from competing in next weekend's Euro-Asia Championships, the sport's biggest event to be held in this country for 10 years.

Top earners

SPARTANBURG, South Carolina, Jan 13. (AP): NASCAR stock car drivers Bobby Hill Jr., Morgan Shepherd, Ken Schrader and Carl Indy-caracer Arie Luyendyk are the newest members of the US millionaires auto racing club.

Bridge

RESULTS of the Sheraton Ladies Bridge Club game played yesterday: 1. Sandra Turvey & Lolla Murthwaite 2. Jamila Akel & Juliette Mushawar 3. Randa Fnan & Sonia Banayaz Results of the Sheraton Tuesday Bridge: N/S 1. Ady Tib & Magdi Mesdari 2. Saad Saeed & Salah Gahader 3. Narendra Shah & Khurshed Zuberi EW 1. Rose Maurist & Robert Bousquet 2. Mrs Beatrice Pereira & Aubrey D'Souza 3. Hassan Mossaad & Desmond Pereira The Hilton Bridge Club Games start on Sunday, Jan 17, at 8.00 pm.

LITTLE-KNOWN SWISS KNOCKS OUT GARRISON

Top seeds dominate second-round play

MELBOURNE, Jan 13. (Reuters): Ivan Lendl, Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert dropped just four games in seven sets of tennis today as the big names dominated second-round play at the Australian Open today.

Lendl had beaten American Matt Anger 6-0 6-1 6-1 in the first match on centre court before many spectators had realised the world number one was even in the National Tennis Centre.

Lendl plays Australian Mark Woodforde in the third round. "I am extremely happy, not only with the way I am hitting the ball but also with the way my mind worked today," the American said. "I went out eager and fought for every point."

Wimbledon champion Pat Cash hit trouble in the second set of his second-round match against fellow-Australian Carl Limberger before turning up the heat to the joy of hundreds of his vocal teenage fans. The number four seed saved three set points in brilliant fashion before running out a 6-1 7-6 6-3 winner.

Women's seventh seed Zina Garrison, however, did not find the new rebound as surface to her liking, giving little-known Swiss Eva Knapl the greatest win of her career 3-6 6-3 6-4.

Anna Maria Fernandez, another American, managed to stay on court for just 35 minutes against Navratilova before the world number two concluded a 6-1 6-0 victory.

Navratilova hardly broke sweat in the humid conditions, winning games to love when not throwing angry looks at a television helicopter circling the court.

"I served much better today although I didn't have much chance to play that well. I played some nice shots but there was



Lendl plays with his new German shepherd dog. Lendl said he wished more people on the tennis court were as easy to handle as his new pet. (Reuters wirephoto)

only really one long game," Navratilova said.

Evert, seeded third, found Beverly Bowes a tougher proposition on court one but her fellow-American had to wait until the penultimate game of the match to trouble the scorekeeper. Bowes lost 6-0 6-1.

Evert hit the ball sweetly against Bowes but the old campaigner was not happy about losing the whitewash.

"I played sloppy tennis in that second last game. However I played a lot better than in the first round when I was tentative with the balls and the court. Today I went out intent on hitting it," Evert said.

Cash won the first set 6-1 in 30 minutes but Limberger stopped any thoughts the number four seed might have had about a walkover by breaking Cash twice in the second set to lead 5-3.

Cash broke back immediately and the set headed towards a tiebreak. The 22-year-old from Melbourne saved three set points before taking the set at his first opportunity on the 16th point of the tiebreak.

The reverse seemed to break Limberger's spirit and he succumbed with little ceremony in the third set.

Frenchman Yannick Noah, while beating Italian Massimo Narducci in four sets, suffered the worst treatment of the day.

Noah, who triumphed in the match of the tournament so far, a five-hour, first round thriller against American Roger Smith, found himself banished to the nether regions of court 14.

The Frenchman's charisma attracted huge crowds nonetheless and there was breathing-room-only for the match.

But Noah enjoyed the whole experience.

"It was nice, you know. I just had to concentrate a little bit more because there was a little more noise, of course, but it was good."

Meanwhile, Navratilova said today that she will not play in the Seoul Olympics because she is saving herself for the 1992 Games in Barcelona.

Navratilova bridled when journalists suggested today that



Navratilova shows her style of driving at the Calder race track on Tuesday. She said fast driving helps her relax before a match. (Reuters wirephoto)



Noah is approached by young fans during the match. (Reuters wirephoto)

at nearly 36, she would be past playing at the world's premier sporting event in four years time.

"I plan to be in Barcelona," she said, "perhaps only playing doubles but I'll be there."

Today Evert received the tennis offer of a lifetime after clocking up the 1,217th singles win of

her career.

Evert learned that her great friend and rival Navratilova wanted to play doubles with her again after a gap of 11 years.

The 33-year-old once known as the 'Ice Maiden' melted with pleasure at the prospect.

"All she has to do is ask. You

Shakoor wrote to Gating

ISLAMABAD, Jan 13. (Reuters): Pakistani umpire Shakoor Rana expressed his regrets to England captain Mike Gatting over the row which rocked the cricket world last month, the Pakistan Times reported today.

The government-controlled newspaper, published a photocopy of a letter Shakoor wrote to Gatting after receiving an apology from the England captain over an incident during the second Test at Faisalabad.

Pakistan cricket board sources said the letter was given to Gatting during the third and final Test at Karachi.

The Pakistan Times article said it was understood Gatting would release the letter to the press and added: "But the England captain apparently kept the letter to himself, because obviously it did not suit his ends nor that of the English touring team."

Ian Botham, who also missed the Pakistan leg, is again away, preferring to play Sheffield Shield cricket for Queensland in Australia. Gower is another who asked not to be considered.

Meanwhile, umpire Shakoor came under a stinging attack from his counterparts in England.

The Association of Cricket Umpires accused Shakoor of "intransigence" in the dispute with Gatting.

England leave for New Zealand

LONDON, Jan 13. (AP): England's cricket team, still reeling from its controversial tour of Pakistan that was ridden with umpiring disputes, left for New Zealand today hoping for a more peaceful series but with captain Mike Gatting's job in grave jeopardy.

As the England party flew out of London, speculation was rife that Gatting would be stripped of the captaincy if there is any repetition of the dissent he showed in Pakistan, when he clashed with umpire Shakoor Rana in an episode that made cricketing headlines worldwide.

Gatting was in philosophical mood as he boarded the plane

with the rest of the 16-man squad for the 10-week tour.

"If people are not happy with the way I am doing the job, I will stand down," he said. "I will do the job as I see it, and give it 100 per cent."

Suspended

Gatting has tasted victory just twice in 18 Tests since taking over from David Gower as captain in 1986.

But his finger-wagging, on-field argument with Shakoor, which resulted in a whole day's being suspended in Faisalabad until Gatting apologised, put the England skipper under increased scrutiny in New Zealand.

Team manager Peter Lush,

who was heavily involved in a number of disputes in Pakistan, said he was approaching the tour with "a fresh mind."

"There is bound to be an extra spotlight on the side in view of the circumstances in Pakistan," Lush said. "Everyone knows that. But I have every confidence that whatever happens on the field, people will certainly be proud of the players."

Lush said the Pakistan incidents would be drawn to the attention of each player.

"Everyone will be very aware of what is expected of them in their approach and behaviour on the field," he said.

England's chances of beating

New Zealand, a formidable side on home soil, have been weakened considerably by the absence of star opener Graham Gooch, who asked to be rested from the tour.

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Al Hussein to start first in Kuwait rally

By Gail Seery

MOHAMMED Al Hussein in his Toyota Celica will be the first out of parc ferme at the start of tomorrow's local rally. His car will leave at 9 am, followed by Ahmed Al Hilal, Tareq Al Wazzan, Ahmed Al Zafiri and Ali Al Birami. In all a total of 32 drivers are hoping to gain honours in the first round of the Kuwait Rally season, Hussein said. "The cars are ready, everything is OK and I hope to win."

The new committee of the KT Club Motorsports Division has prepared a list of seeded drivers for 1988. This list will be strictly adhered to when start numbers are allocated for this season's rallies. The drivers are, Ali Al Birami, Ahmed Al Hilal, Tareq Al Wazzan, Eid Falah Al Farzan, Mohammed Al Hussein, Ahmed Al Zafiri, Othman Lange and Tareq Alhan. All but Lange have entered Friday's rally.

Test A number of drivers are entering in new or different vehicles this year. Ahmed Al Hilal will be out in his new Rothmans backed Toyota Corolla for the first time. He told the Arab Times that his main purpose in this rally was to test his car, and finish the rally. "However, we always want to be number one," he added. "They are very fast stages, but I can't predict who will win. This rally is not a car breaker, and the stages have been well selected to give a good rally." Co-driver Fahad Al Rashid said that it is a "marvellous" rally, with plenty of opportunity for flat out driving. "We are looking for a good finish," he added.

Arab Times/Marlboro driver Tareq Al Wazzan could not get his Toyota Celica rally car back from Dubai in time for the event, and will be entering his AAA Garage prepared Rally Range



Drivers Faez Chihab (left) and Ali Birami complete scrutineering formalities with Clerk of the Course Wael Khoury. Scrutineering was held at 4 pm yesterday afternoon.

Rover, in which he took first place in the Jordan 4x4 and second place in the Bahrain jeep rally. He told the Arab Times that he was sorry he wouldn't be in the Celica. "I'm even more sorry after seeing the route," he said. Nevertheless, co-driver Khaled Khalifa said, "We have checked our pace notes and everything is OK. We are aiming for a win. But if we had the Toyota here we would have set a very good time."

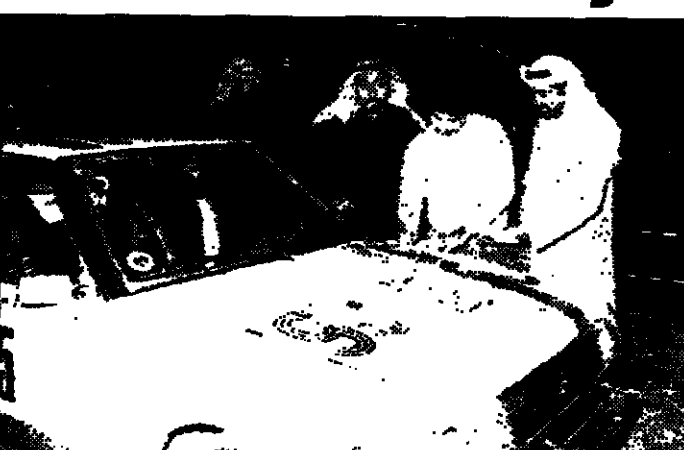
Ahmed Al Zafiri has switched to a Lada Niva, an unlikely choice for a driver who usually prefers more powerful vehicles. Eid Falah, Ali Birami and Mohammed Al Hussein are in their usual vehicles. Eid Falah suffered difficulties in his last local rally when he met with a mechanical problem only a hundred metres into the stage. He was unwilling to make any firm predictions about his finishing position, not wanting to tempt fate. He has suffered a run of bad luck recently, and he will want to put this firmly behind him and bring a good result to Marlboro. His new sponsors. "The car is OK, but nobody really knows

how a rally will go," he explained. However, some drivers feel that Falah has the strongest and best car for this event, and that he could well be the winner. "The flat out sections will make it easier for him to win," they say.

Tareq Alyan was rewarded by Daihatsu for his successful season in the Rocky, by being given the chance to drive the little Daihatsu Charade that Ahmed Al Hilal took to victory in two Championship rounds. Other drivers include Faez Chihab, who like Alyan, will be partnered by his wife. Faez was the first ever National Champion in Kuwait, and in recent years was more familiar as Kuwait's Clerk of the Course.

Preparing Josef Miskulung, who was heading towards a good position in the Kuwait International when his engine blew on the final stage is back, driving a Nissan 240RS, and his erstwhile partner, Peter Freisneger will be driving his Volkswagen Beetle.

Miskulung said that he was aiming for a good result, and



Drivers preparing for the International Rally in March. He got his new Nissan 240RS only four weeks ago and has been working on it ever since, and so hasn't had much opportunity to test it. "We want to get points for the Championship," he explained, adding that he would very much like to win the Driver's title if possible.

Miskulung has a new co-driver, Klaus Schwingshoefer for this event. Samir Al Hussein, Ghazi Al Zafiri, and Ahmed Al Nasr can also be expected to put up a good fight.

Tomorrow's rally has the highest ever number of entrants for a Kuwait rally. Some 32 entries have been received from new and old drivers alike, and organisers say that they expect this season to be one of the best ever.

One thing the sport badly needs in an influx of new drivers, and it was partly to this end that Marlboro introduced their Desert Challenge, a series of 4x4 events, intended to put a lower cost type of rallying within drivers' reach.

As a direct result, there are more jeeps entered in this event

than in any other local rally. Tareq Al Wazzan, Ahmed Al Zafiri, Ghazi Al Zafiri, Harry Carr and Khalid Al Shouman have all opted to drive jeeps, with Al Wazzan piloting his Arab Times/Marlboro backed AAA Garage prepared Range Rover, and Ghazi Al Zafiri driving the hybrid Suzuki with a Mazda RX7 engine.

Awarded Zafiri described the vehicle as "beautiful". There is a special category included for 4x4 vehicles this season, with an end of season prize to be awarded.

With the dust hardly settled from last year's events, there is a great deal of speculation as to who will manage to capture this year's title. Tareq Al Wazzan, driving his first full season for a number of years has to be considered as a strong contender, as does reigning Champion Ahmed Al Hilal.

Again, Ahmed Al Zafiri can never be discounted and is undoubtedly one of the country's stronger drivers. Eid Falah, driving in his first season with Marlboro sponsorship will also be set for a win in the Championship.

New Zealand join hockey semifinalists

LUCKNOW, India, Jan 13. (Reuters): New Zealand beat Kenya 3-1 to grab the last semifinals berth in the India-Gandhi men's hockey tournament today.

New Zealand, who finished their Group A schedule with two victories from three games, qualified for a semifinal against Group B leaders the Soviet Union.

Rebound

Olympic champions Pakistan crushed Spain 4-0 to keep their 100 per cent group A record intact and will play Asian Games title-holders South Korea in Friday's other semifinal.

Grant McLeod put New Zealand into an early 2-0 lead by capitalising on two penalty corners in the fourth and seventh minutes.

But Kenya struck back five minutes later after their first penalty corner. Chris Otumbo put the rebound of Lucas Alubana's shot past goal keeper Ian Woodeley to bring Kenya within one.

New Zealand clinched a victory in the 69th minute when Peter Daji scored from a cross over Peter Miskimmin.

Pakistan wasted no time against Spain, grabbing the lead in the first minute through a penalty corner conversion by Khalid Bashir. Two more goals before half-time put the game out of reach.

Standings Final group standings (played, won, lost, draw, points):

Group A				
Pakistan	3	3	0	6
New Zealand	3	2	1	4
Spain	3	1	2	2
Kenya	3	0	3	0
Group B				
Soviet Union	3	2	0	5
South Korea	3	2	1	4
India	3	0	1	2
Malaysia	3	0	2	1

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